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SUPER STRONG BEAST



DR. EGGMAN
MAD TYRANT



MOSS THE SLOTH
SPIRITUAL GURU

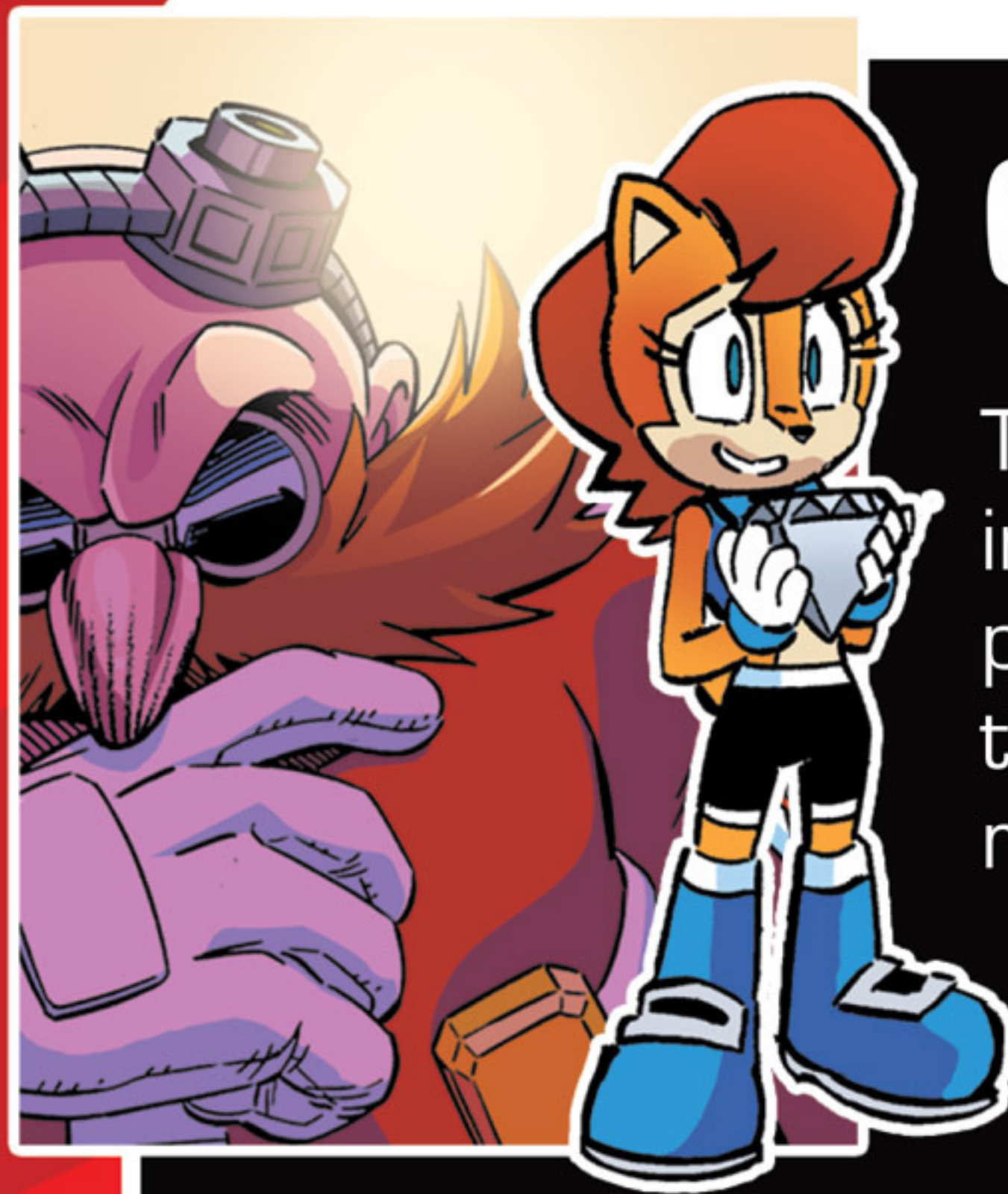


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PREVIOUSLY...



CHAOTIC CRISIS!

The planet's crust has been shattered into multiple flying chunks! Only the power of the Chaos Emeralds, focused through the seven Gaia Temples, can repair the world. Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are on the hunt to find the emeralds and temples before Dr. Eggman does!

When the world cracked open, noxious Dark Gaia energy began seeping from the planet's core, creating monsters and affecting the hearts and minds of the people. Sonic received a concentrated dose and was fighting its effects until he lost control – and the Werehog was unleashed!



Now Sonic seeks the guidance from the sagely sloth known as Moss to control his feral side, leaving the Freedom Fighters to face the Eggman Empire without him...

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ROCKY
JUNGLE
ZONE...

HA!
NOT BAD,
OLD MAN!
I THOUGHT
I LOST YOU
A MILE
AGO!

LOST?
YOU CAME
TO *ME* TO
FIND THE
WAY.

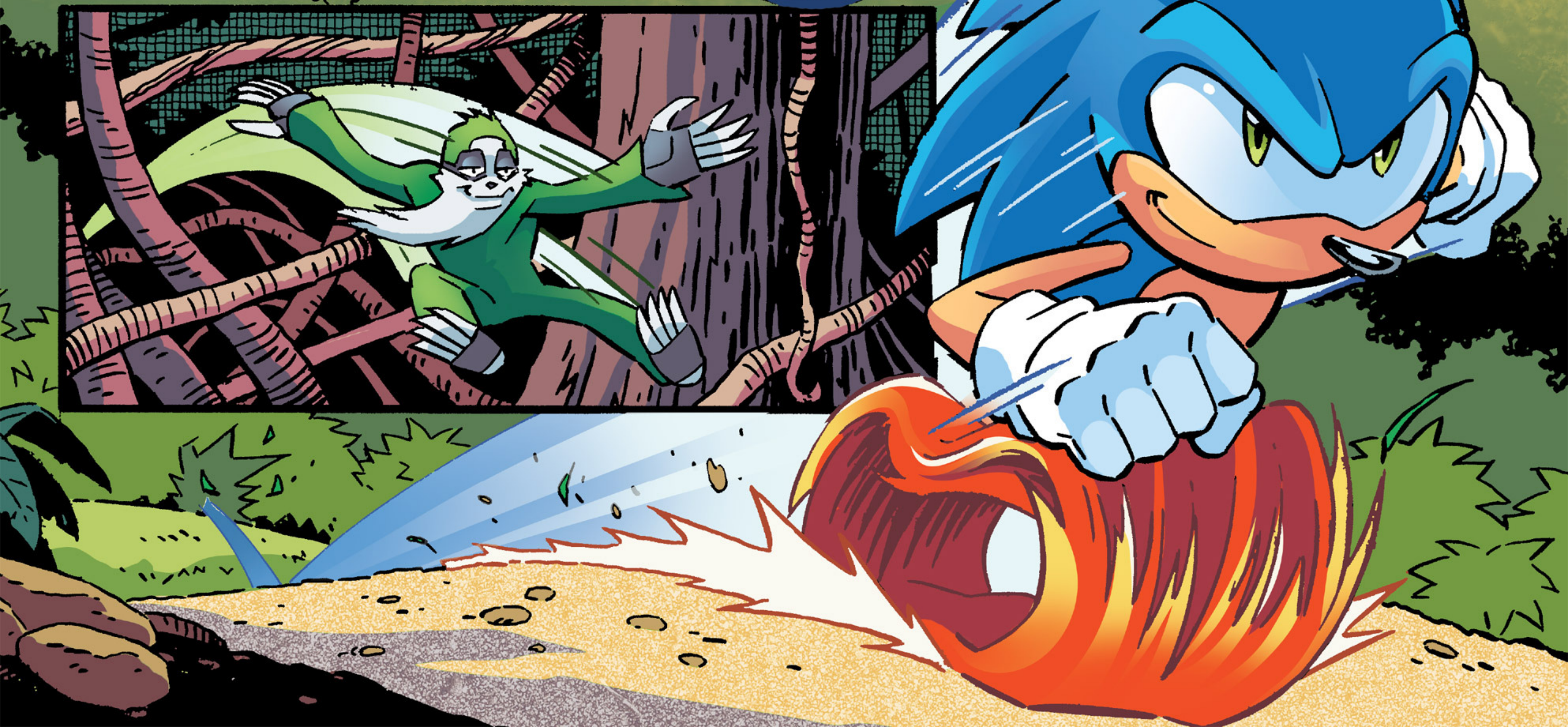
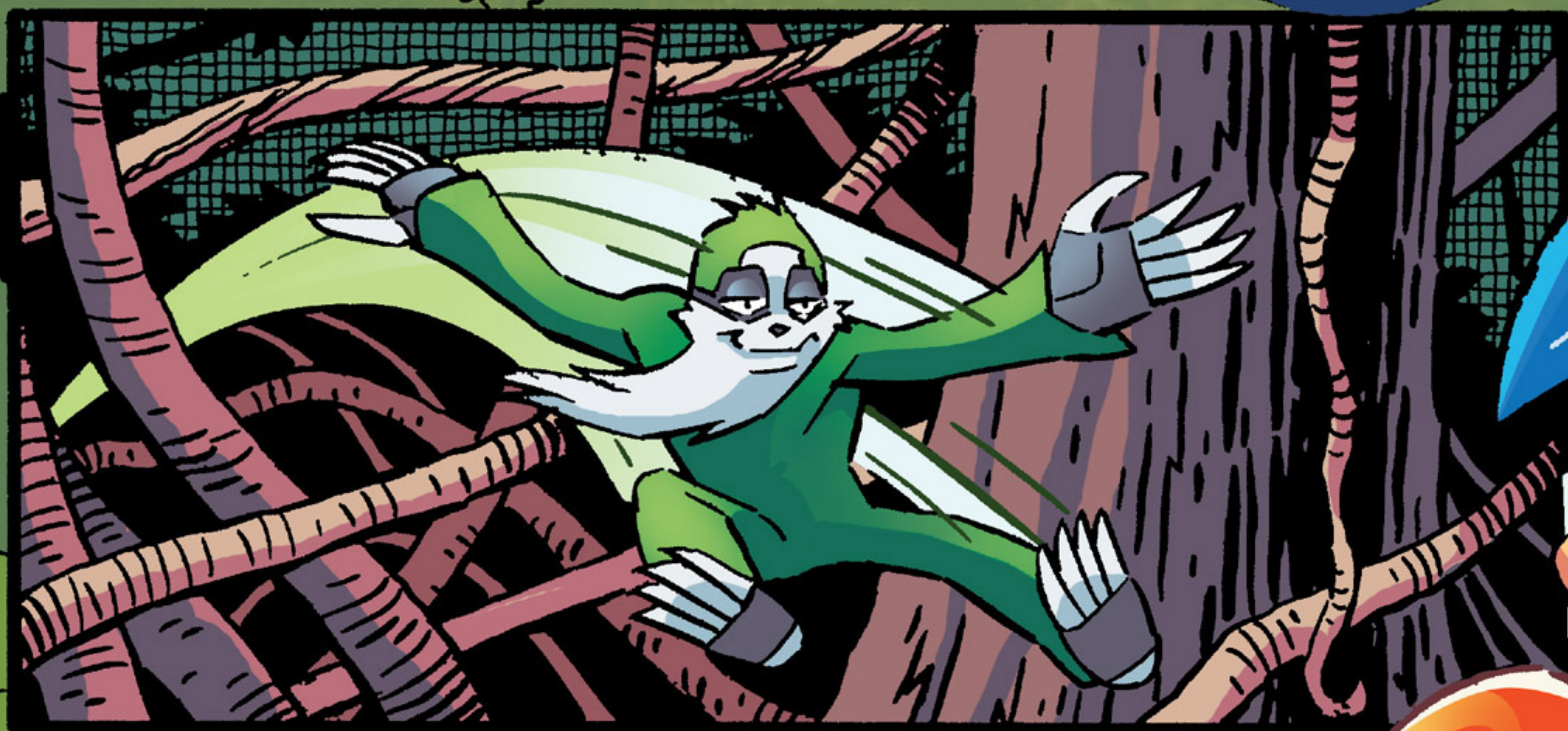
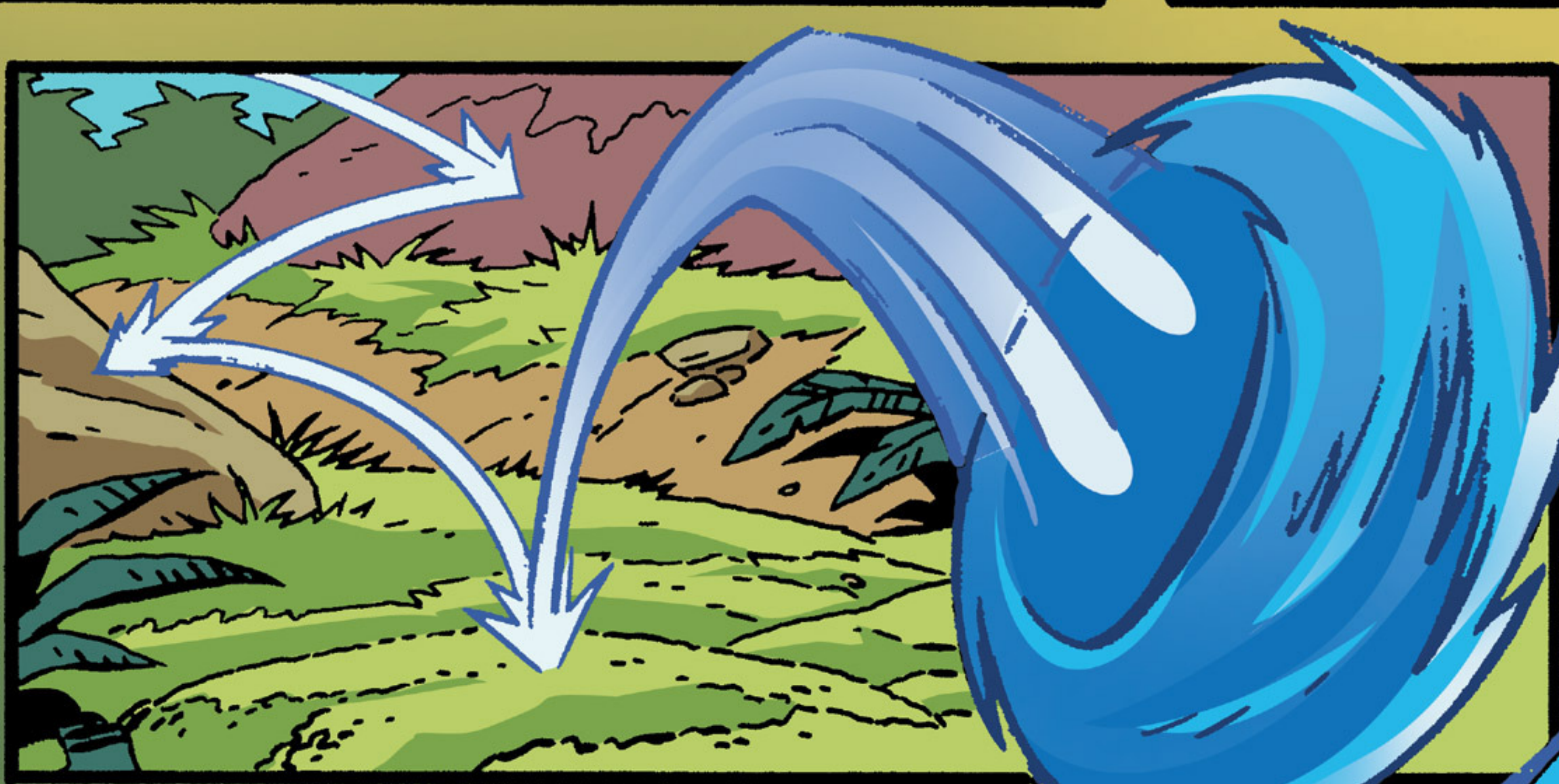
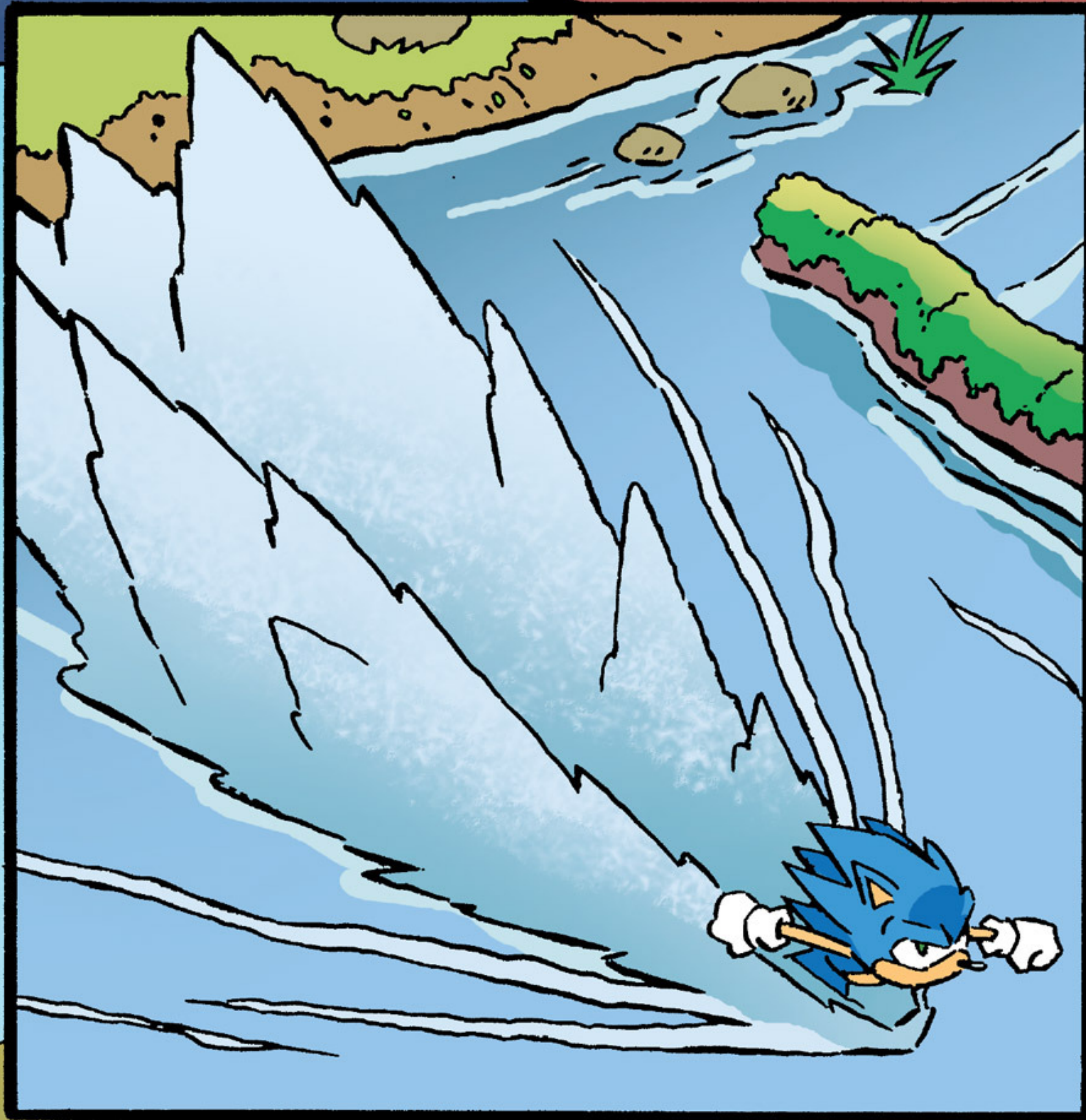
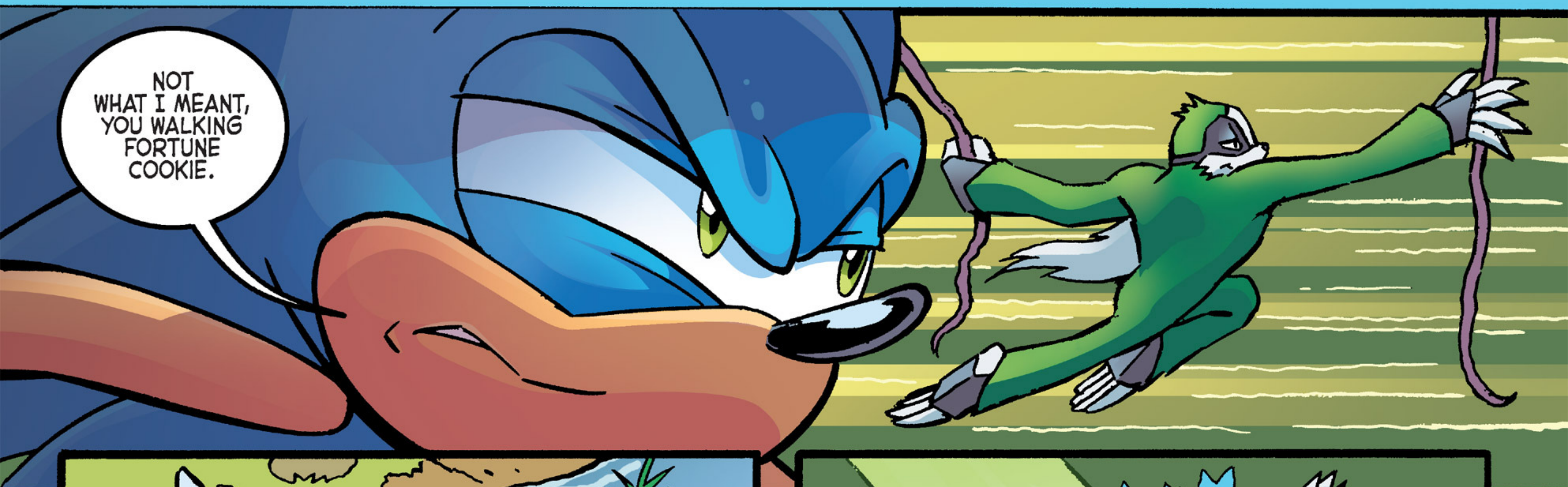
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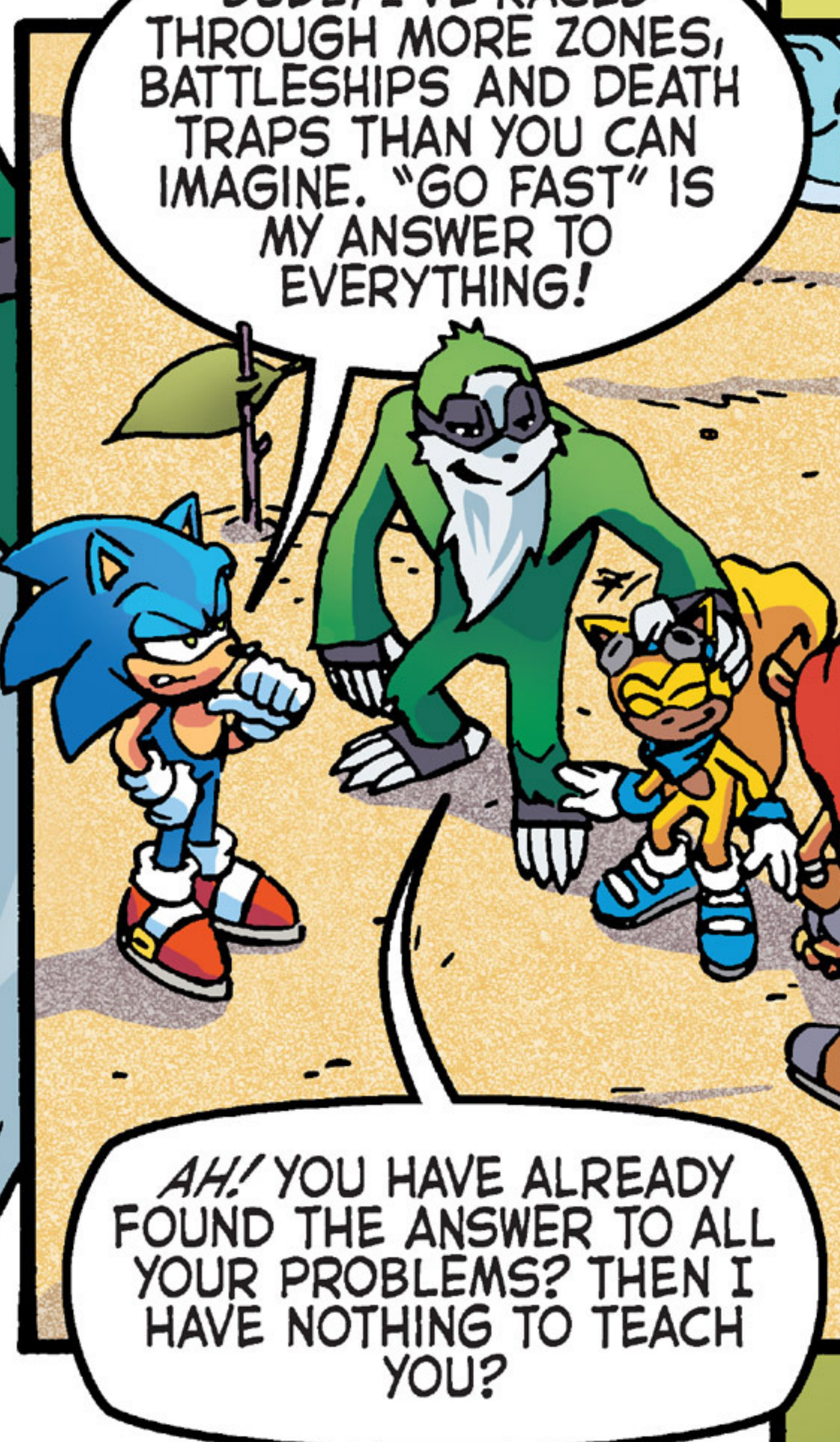
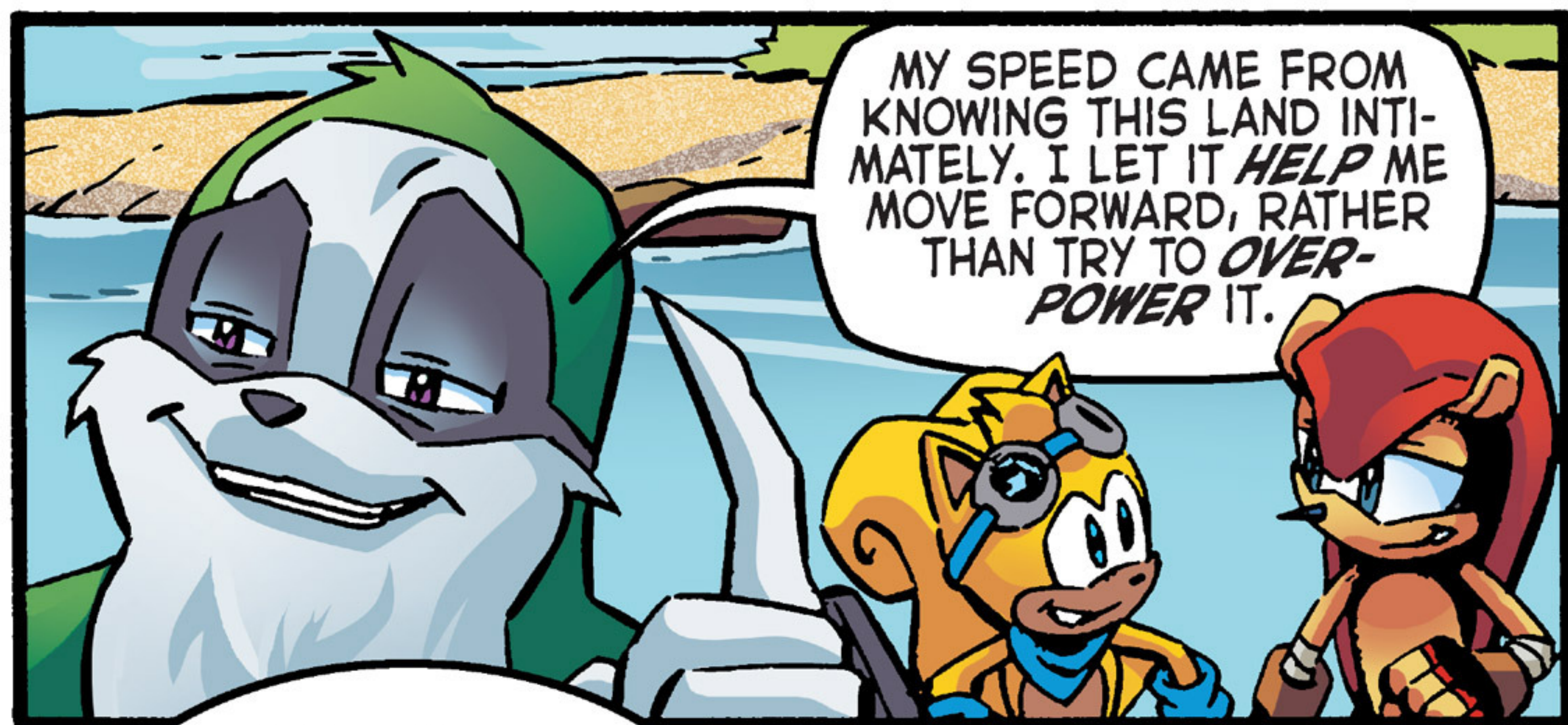
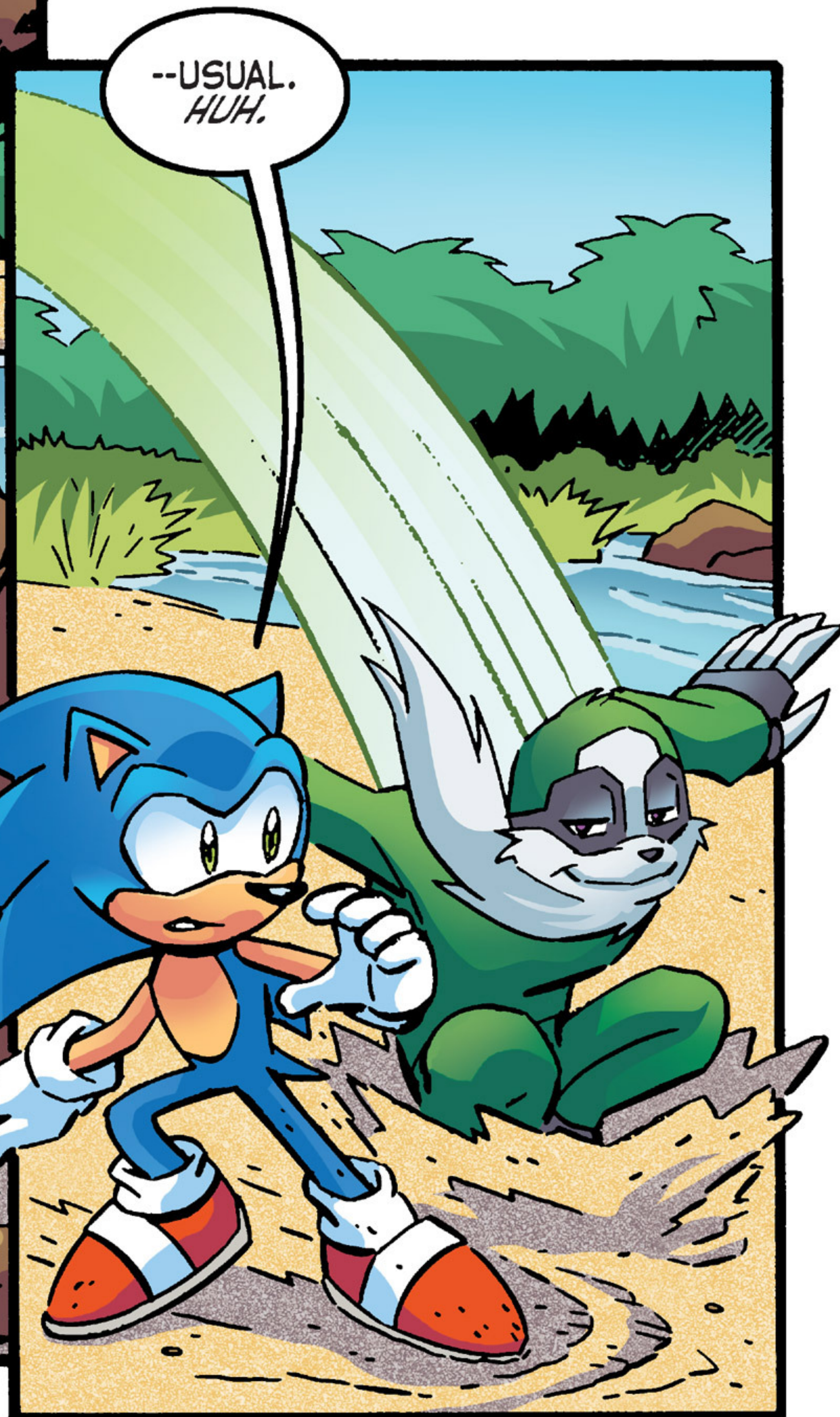
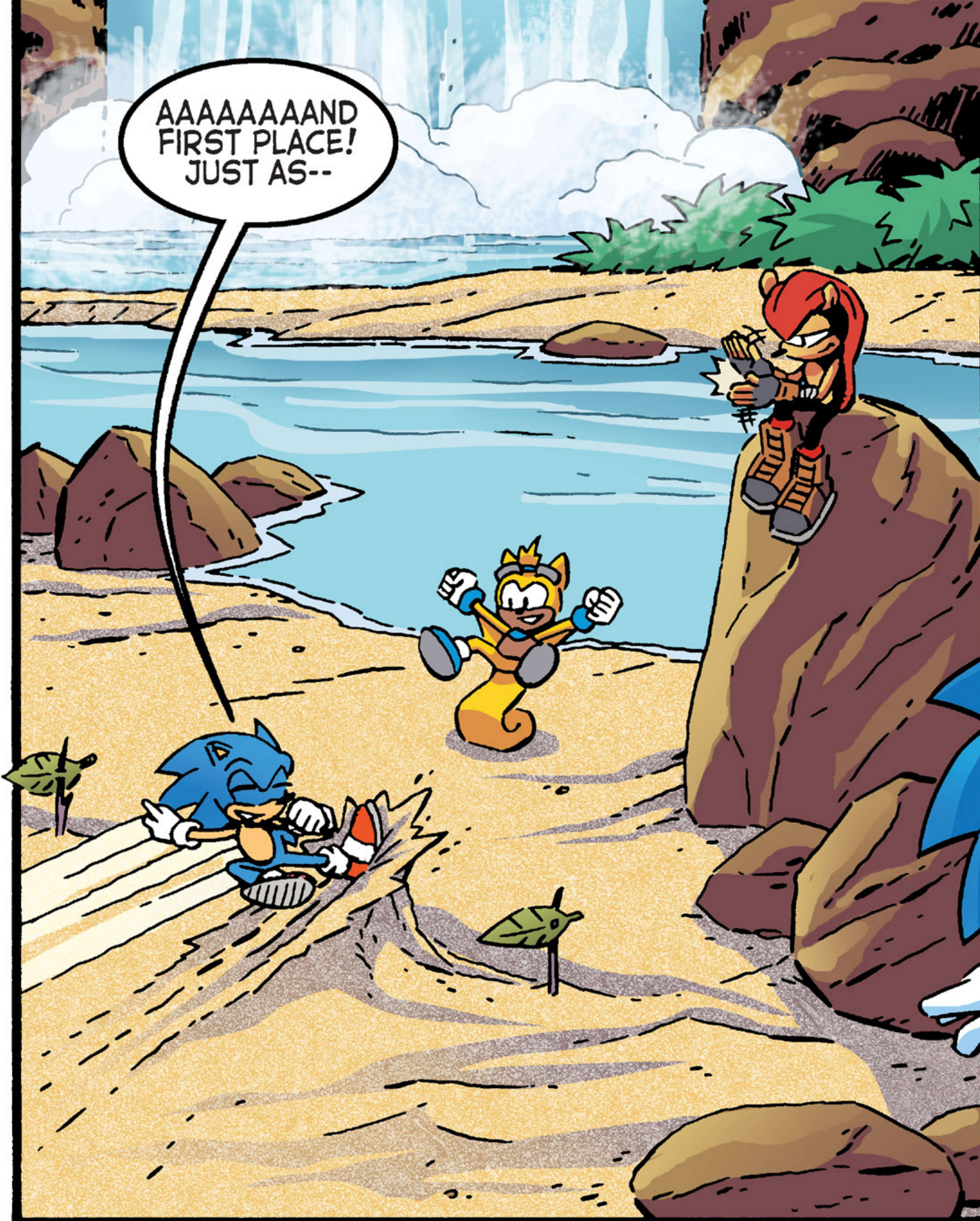
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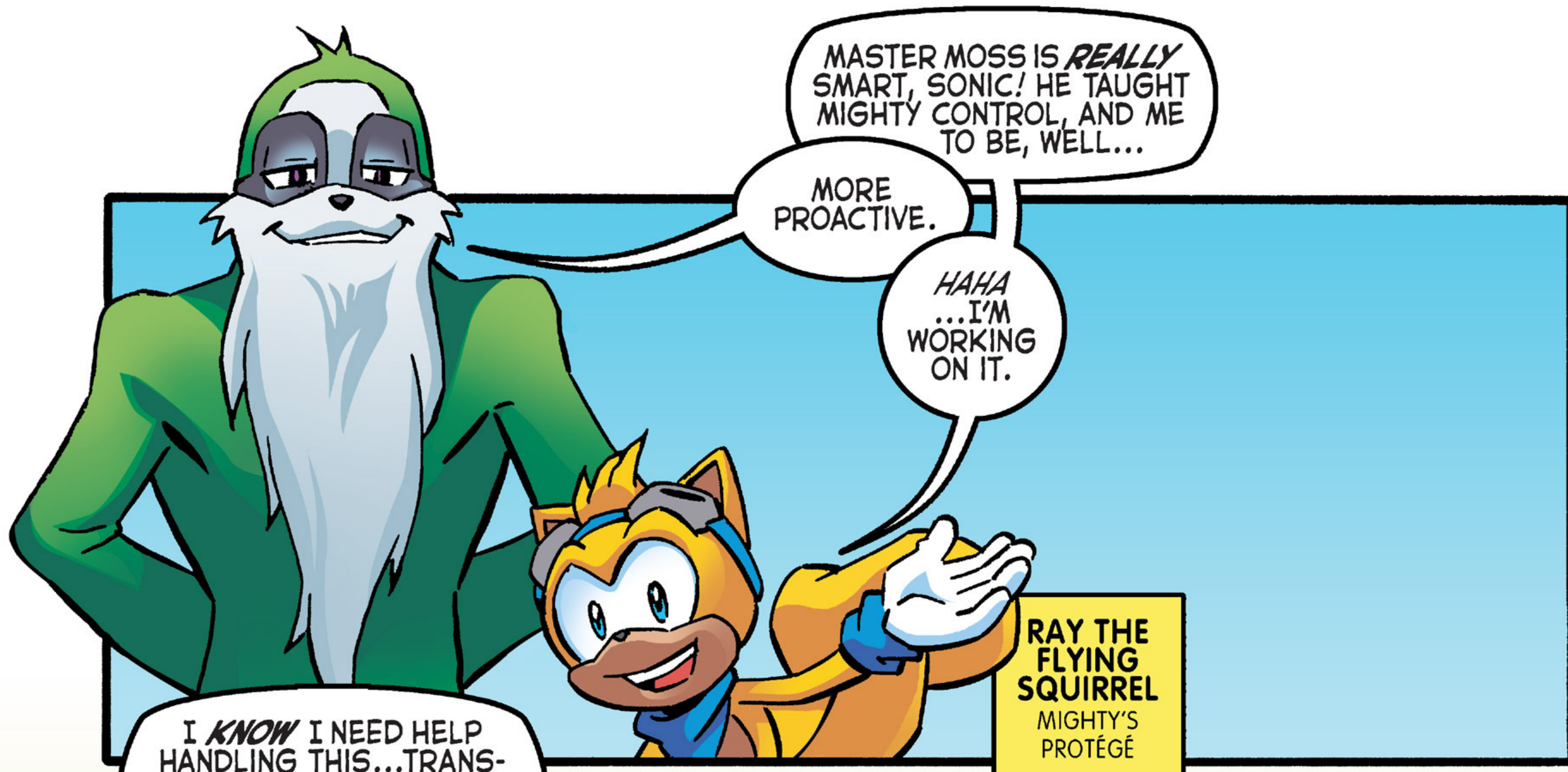
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MASTER MOSS IS *REALLY* SMART, SONIC! HE TAUGHT MIGHTY CONTROL, AND ME TO BE, WELL...

MORE PROACTIVE.

HAHA ...I'M WORKING ON IT.

RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL
MIGHTY'S PROTÉGÉ

I *KNOW* I NEED HELP HANDLING THIS...TRANSFORMATION THING. I DON'T WANT TO RISK LOSING CONTROL AGAIN AND HURTING MY FRIENDS.

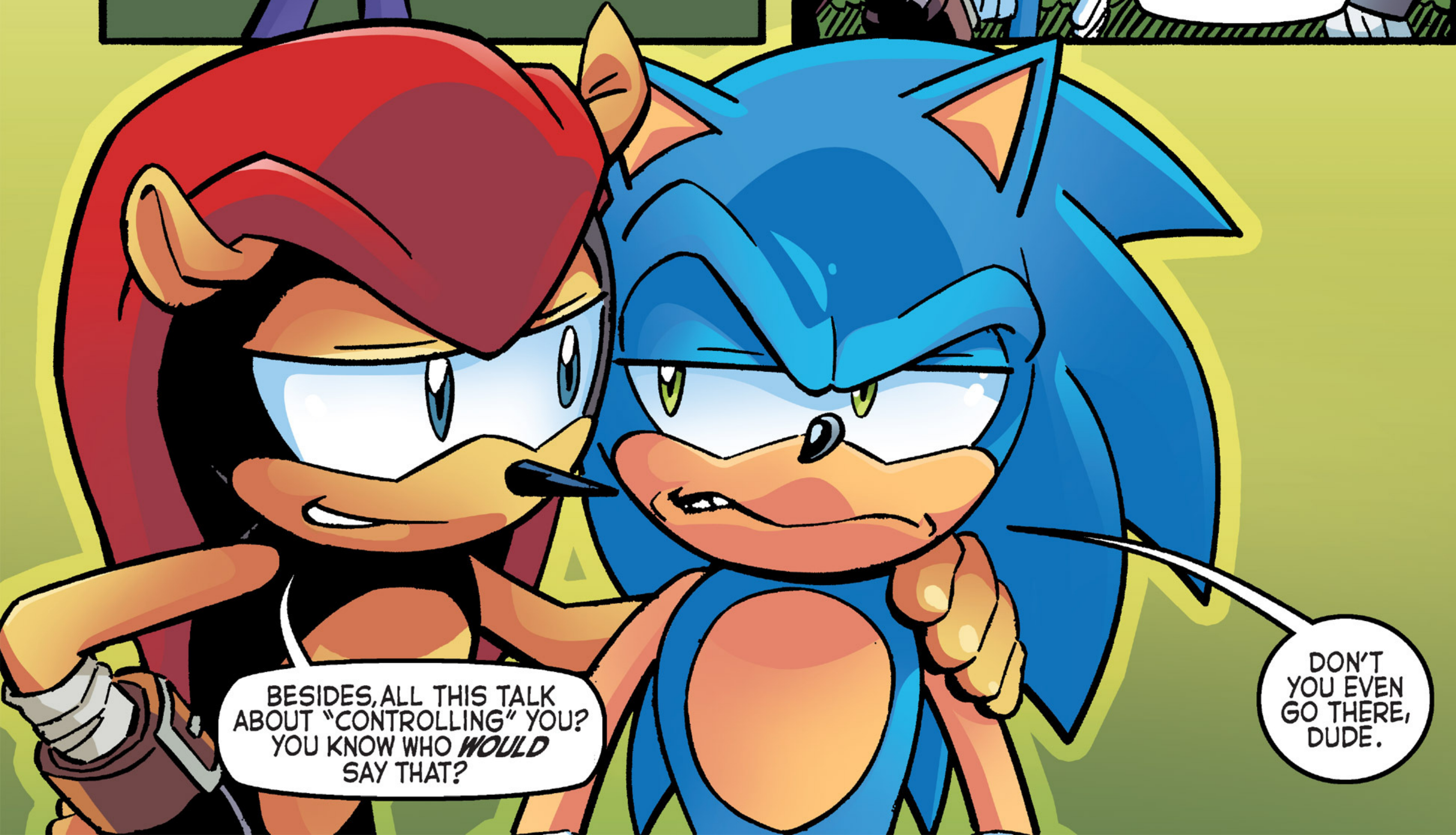


BUT I *KNOW* HOW I DEAL WITH STUFF, AND NO AMOUNT OF ZEN-TALK IS GOING TO HELP ME!



YOU ARE A FREE SPIRIT, CHILD. FREE AS THE WIND. YOU RESIST "CONTROL" TO YOUR VERY CORE.

WHAT YOU MUST LEARN IS *ACCEPTANCE*.



BESIDES, ALL THIS TALK ABOUT "CONTROLLING" YOU? YOU KNOW WHO *WOULD* SAY THAT?

DON'T YOU EVEN GO THERE, DUDE.

"DR. EGGMAN!"

ABOARD THE
DEATH EGG...

--FAILED TO KILL SONIC AND
THE OTHERS! AND YOU
FAILED TO HOLD ON TO THE
CHAOS EMERALD!

"FAILED" IS MAYBE
TOO HARSH A--

FAILED! FAILED!
FFFFFFFFFFFF--
FAILED!!!

I--I WASN'T
EXPECTING THAT...
MUTATION IN SONIC!
BUT I'M READY NOW! MY
FORCES KNOW WHAT
TO EXPECT! WE CAN
STILL--!

DR. EGGMAN
...IS HAVING
A TANTRUM

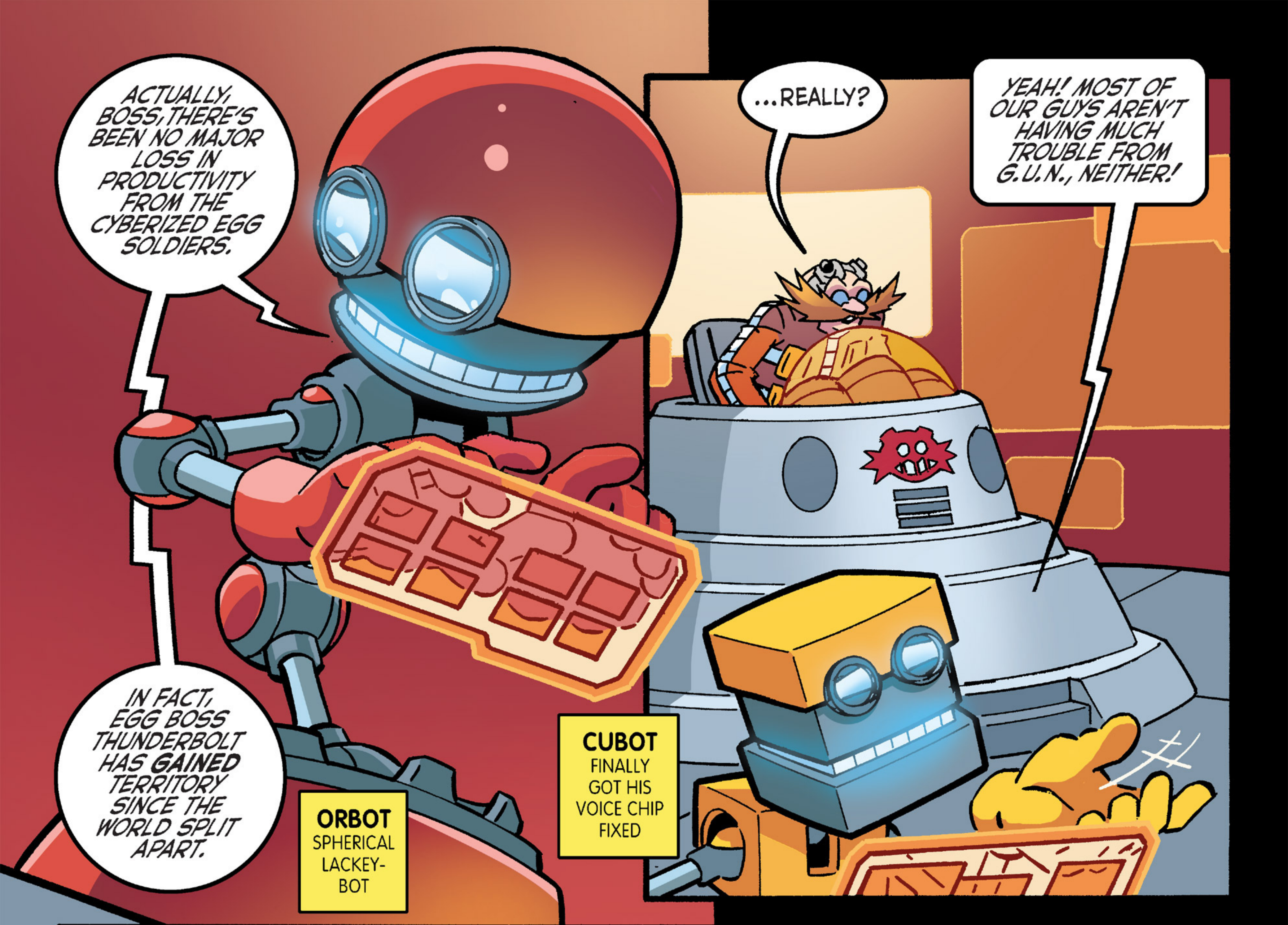
EGG BOSS
THUNDERBOLT
VICIOUS
CHINCHILLA

YOU'LL
FIND ME A GAIA TEMPLE
AND SECURE IT, OR I WON'T
LEAVE ENOUGH OF YOU TO
MAKE **GLOVES!**

I MISS ALL MY FORCES
BEING ROBOTICIZED. NO
SASS, NO EXCUSES. NO
NEED TO THREATEN LIFE-
AND-LIMB...

...ON THE OTHER HAND,
THEY HAD NO INVENTIVE
THINKING, EITHER.
AND I **DO** ENJOY THE
THREATENING...

...BUT THEN AGAIN,
I **DO** MISS THE
COMPETENCY!



ACTUALLY, BOSS, THERE'S BEEN NO MAJOR LOSS IN PRODUCTIVITY FROM THE CYBERIZED EGG SOLDIERS.

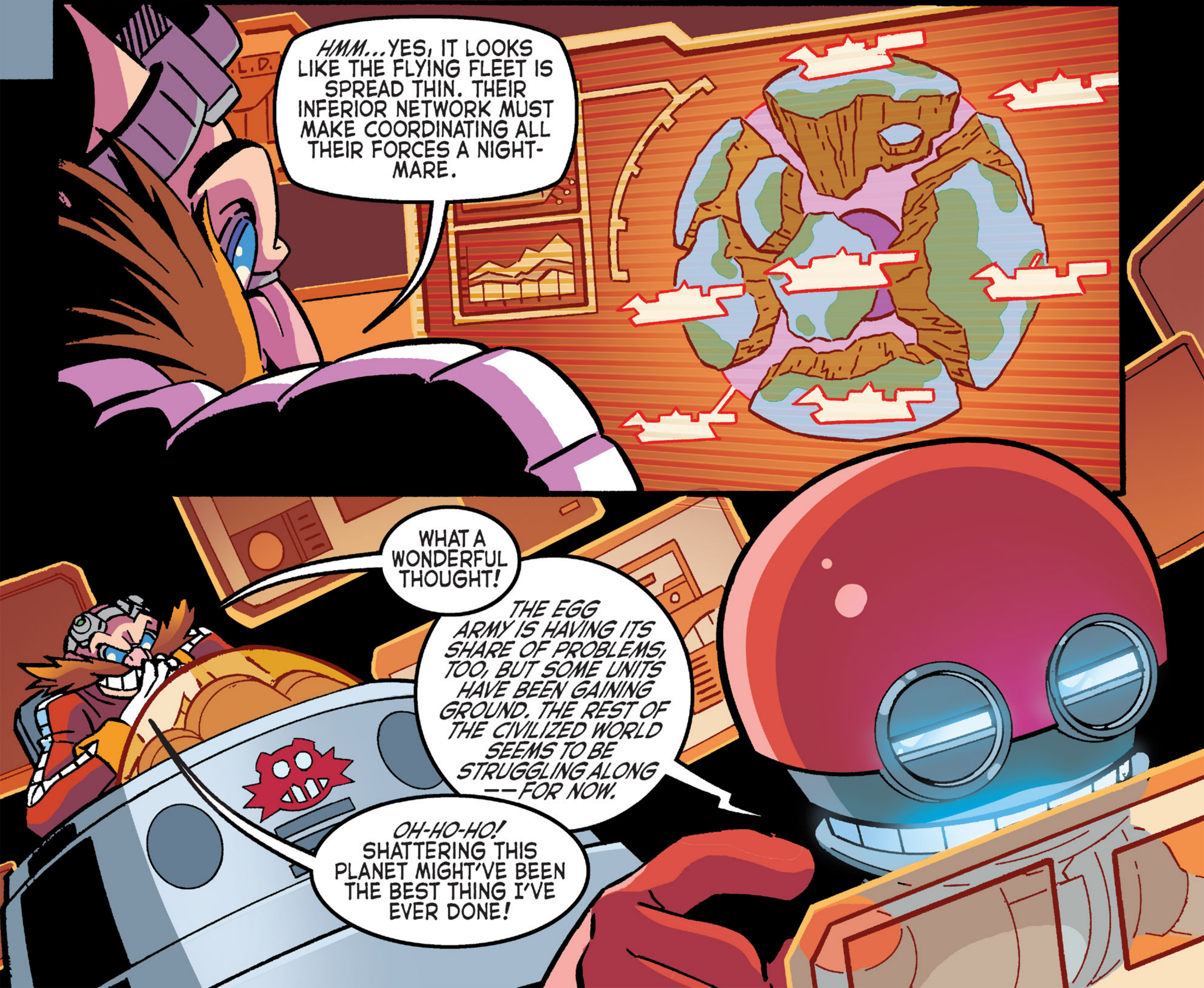
...REALLY?

YEAH! MOST OF OUR GUYS AREN'T HAVING MUCH TROUBLE FROM G.U.N., NEITHER!

IN FACT, EGG BOSS THUNDERBOLT HAS GAINED TERRITORY SINCE THE WORLD SPLIT APART.

ORBOT
SPHERICAL LACKEY-BOT

CUBOT
FINALLY GOT HIS VOICE CHIP FIXED



HMM...YES, IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLYING FLEET IS SPREAD THIN. THEIR INFERIOR NETWORK MUST MAKE COORDINATING ALL THEIR FORCES A NIGHTMARE.

WHAT A WONDERFUL THOUGHT!

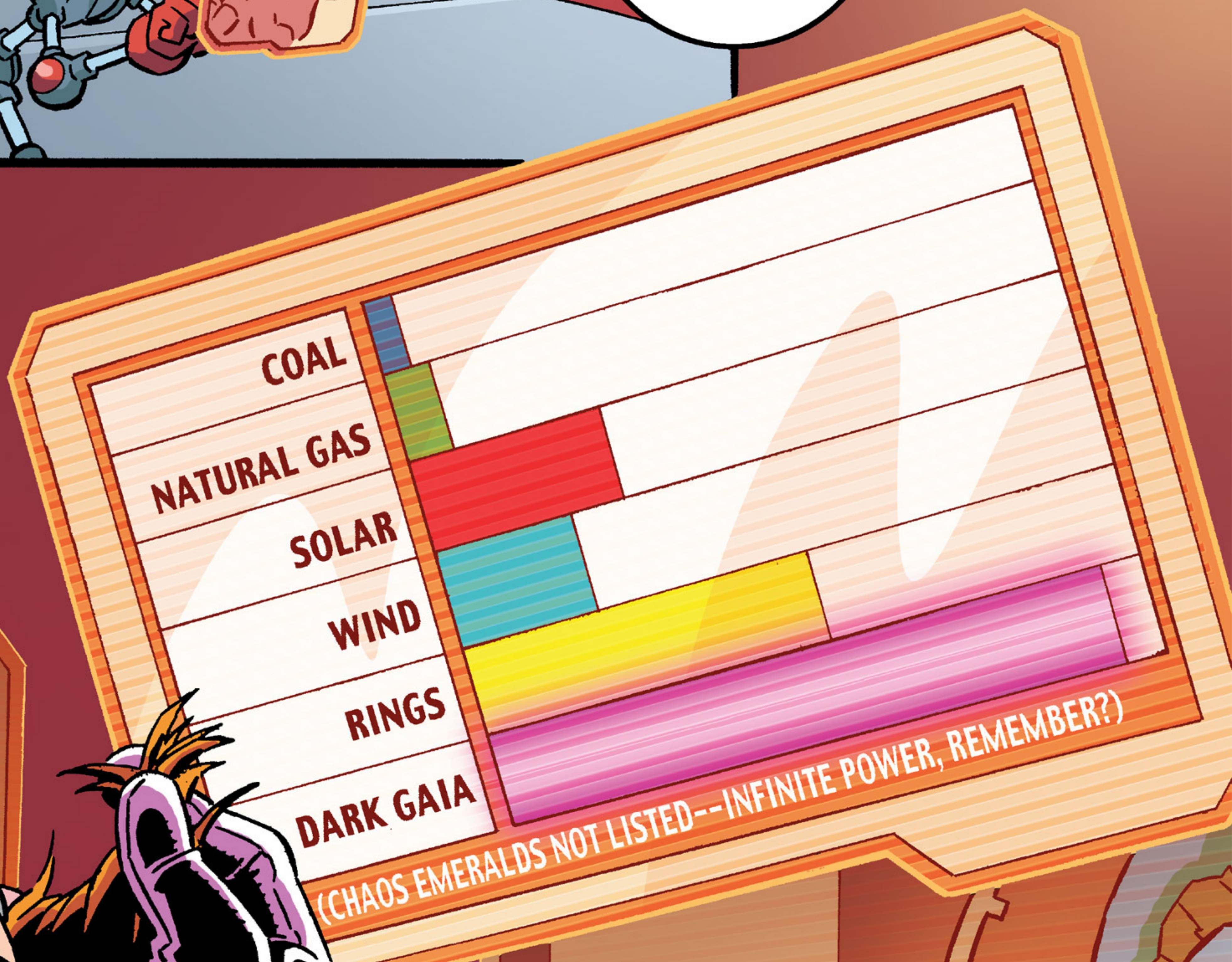
THE EGG ARMY IS HAVING ITS SHARE OF PROBLEMS, TOO, BUT SOME UNITS HAVE BEEN GAINING GROUND. THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD SEEMS TO BE STRUGGLING ALONG -- FOR NOW.

OH-HO-HO! SHATTERING THIS PLANET MIGHT'VE BEEN THE BEST THING I'VE EVER DONE!

SPOKEN
LIKE A TRUE
SADIST,
BOSS.

WE JUST
GOT THE FINAL
NUMBERS ON
THE DARK GAIA
ENERGY. SENDING
THOSE TO YOU
NOW.

EGAD! IF I COULD
TAP EVEN A TENTH OF
THE DARK GAIA ENERGY,
I COULD POWER MY
EMPIRE FOR A
CENTURY!



BUT THE ENERGY IS
SPREAD OUT ALL
ACROSS THE WORLD...

...UNLESS I BUILD
SOMETHING TO
CHANNEL IT ALL INTO
ONE SPOT! YES!
YES! BRILLIANT!

I'LL GATHER IT IN THE LARGEST
REFINERY I'VE EVER BUILT! IT'LL
HAVE IT ALL! ENERGY SCRUBBERS!
LASER GRIDS! CAROUSELS!
NYA-HA-HA-HA!

I'LL *STILL* NEED TO
SECURE THE CHAOS
EMERALDS AND GAIA
TEMPLES, THOUGH. AS
LONG AS I HOLD THEM,
THE PLANET WILL NEVER
BE FIXED. I CAN CON-
TROL THE PIECES AND
MINE THE DARK GAIA
ENERGY FOREVER!

AND FOR *THAT* TO GO
SMOOTHLY, I'LL NEED
TO DESTROY SONIC
AND HIS FREEDOM
FIGHTERS...

"...BUT I'VE ALREADY GREATLY INVESTED IN THAT PLAN!"

ABOARD THE SKY PATROL...

SALLY ACORN
TEAM LEADER

*STH#262, 265.
**SU#63-66,
"THE GREAT
CHAOS CAPER."

AMY ROSE
HAMMERER

TAILS
FLYING
GENIUS

CREAM
& CHEESE
JUNIOR
MEMBERS

ROTOR
SKY PATROL'S
CAPTAIN

BIG
FISHERMAN

BUNNIE
CYBORG

ANTOINE
SWORDSMAN

NICOLE
THE HOLO-LYNX
LIVING A.I.

ALL RIGHT, TEAM! WE'RE
MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.
WE'VE GOT TWO CHAOS
EMERALDS SECURED HERE,*
AND THE CHAOTIX TELL ME
KNUCKLES IS HOLDING A
THIRD FOR US.**

THANKS TO AMY AND HER
NEW "MYSTIC MELODY"
TECHNIQUE,*** WE'LL
BE ABLE TO NARROW OUR
SEARCH FOR THE GAIA
TEMPLES AND OTHER
EMERALDS.

***STH#260-263,
"WAVES OF CHANGE."

BUT WE CAN'T LET THE
SUCCESS GET TO OUR
HEADS. WE HAVE TO KEEP
MOVING. TO THAT END--
NICOLE?

I'VE MINED OUR
STOLEN EGGNET
DATA FOR ANY
EMERALD FINDINGS
BY THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE.

THE BLUE EMERALD
WAS RECENTLY
RECOVERED BY THE
EGG ARMY, AND IS
BEING PREPPED
FOR PICK-UP.

WE CAN INTERCEPT
IT HERE.

BON! AND EET IS SO CLOSE TO ZE LAST EGG ARMY BASE WE RAIDED.

YES...IT'S ALMOST *TOO* GOOD TO BE TRUE. WE BARELY ESCAPED THUNDERBOLT'S TRAP THE OTHER DAY...*

*STH#264-265.

AND EGGMAN LOST ANOTHER OF HIS PRECIOUS E-100 ROBOTS IN THE PROCESS. AT *MOST*, I'D EXPECT A SUPER BADNIK GUARDING THE EMERALD, AND WE CAN HANDLE *THAT*.

STILL... SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR SONIC TO GET BACK FIRST?

I WANT HIM BACK, TOO--AND *SOON*. BUT HE NEEDS TO ...*GET WELL* FIRST.

WE'RE HIS FRIENDS. *WE* CAN HELP HIM.

THIS *COULD* HELP HIM, TOO. IF THE CHAOS EMERALDS CAN FIX THE WHOLE DURN PLANET, SURE TO GOODNESS THEY CAN FIX WHATEVER'S AILIN' SONIC.

WHETHER IT'S A *TRAP*, OR JUST SLOPPINESS ON HIS PART, WE CAN'T ALLOW EGGMAN A CHANCE TO MOVE THE BLUE EMERALD TO A MORE SECURE LOCATION.

THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS, SO WE'LL PUT IT TO A VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING AFTER THE--

--HAHA, OKAY, THEN!

ANTOINE AND BUNNIE-- YOU'RE WITH ME ON TEAM FREEDOM. WE'LL GO IN QUIET, BUT BE PREPARED FOR THINGS TO GET HEATED.

YOU THREE ARE TEAM FIGHTERS AND OUR BACK-UP. NICOLE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON THE SCANNERS.

ARE YOU *SURE YOU* WANT TO GO? THE TWO OF US GOT ZAPPED PRETTY BAD IN THAT TRAP.

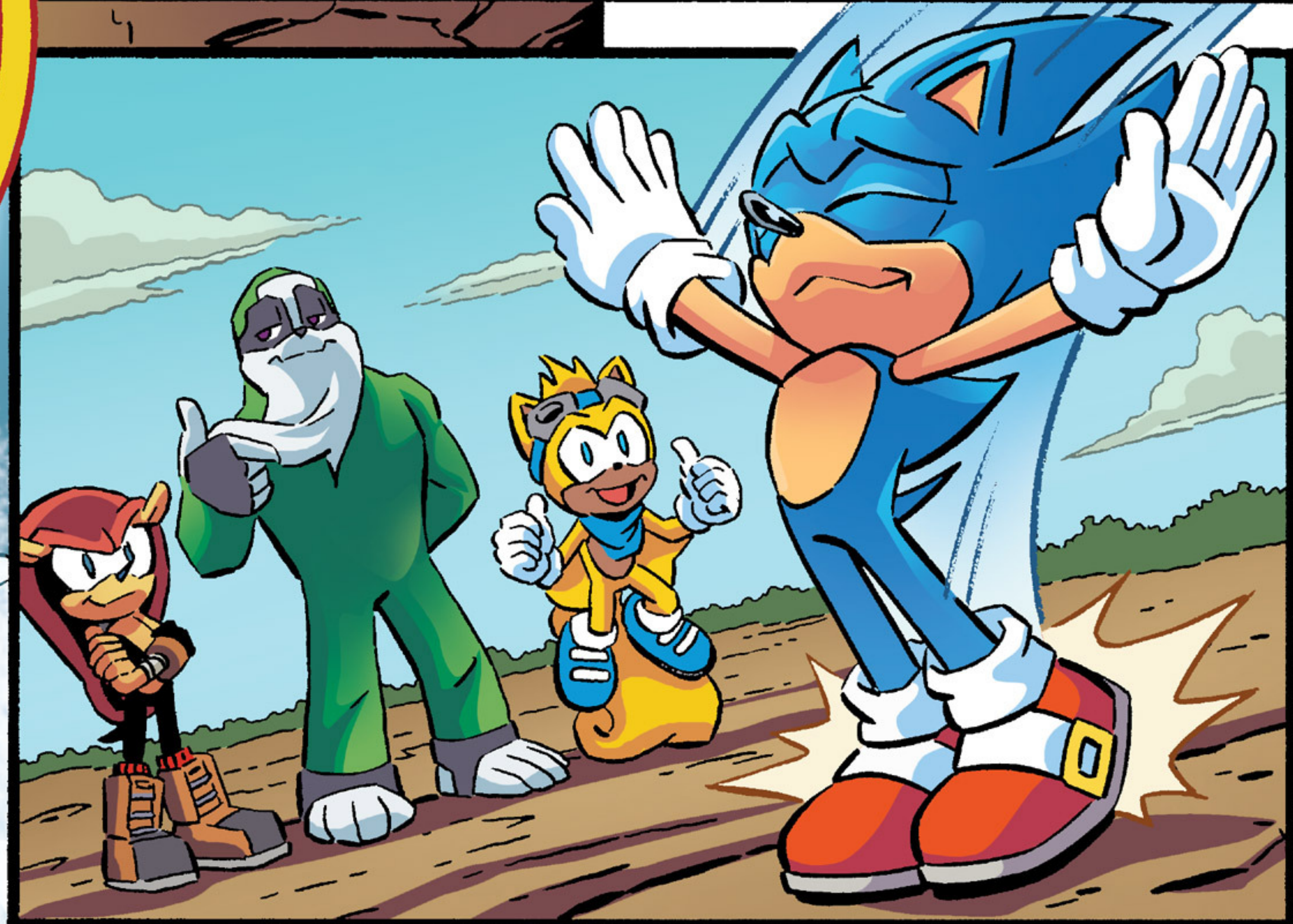
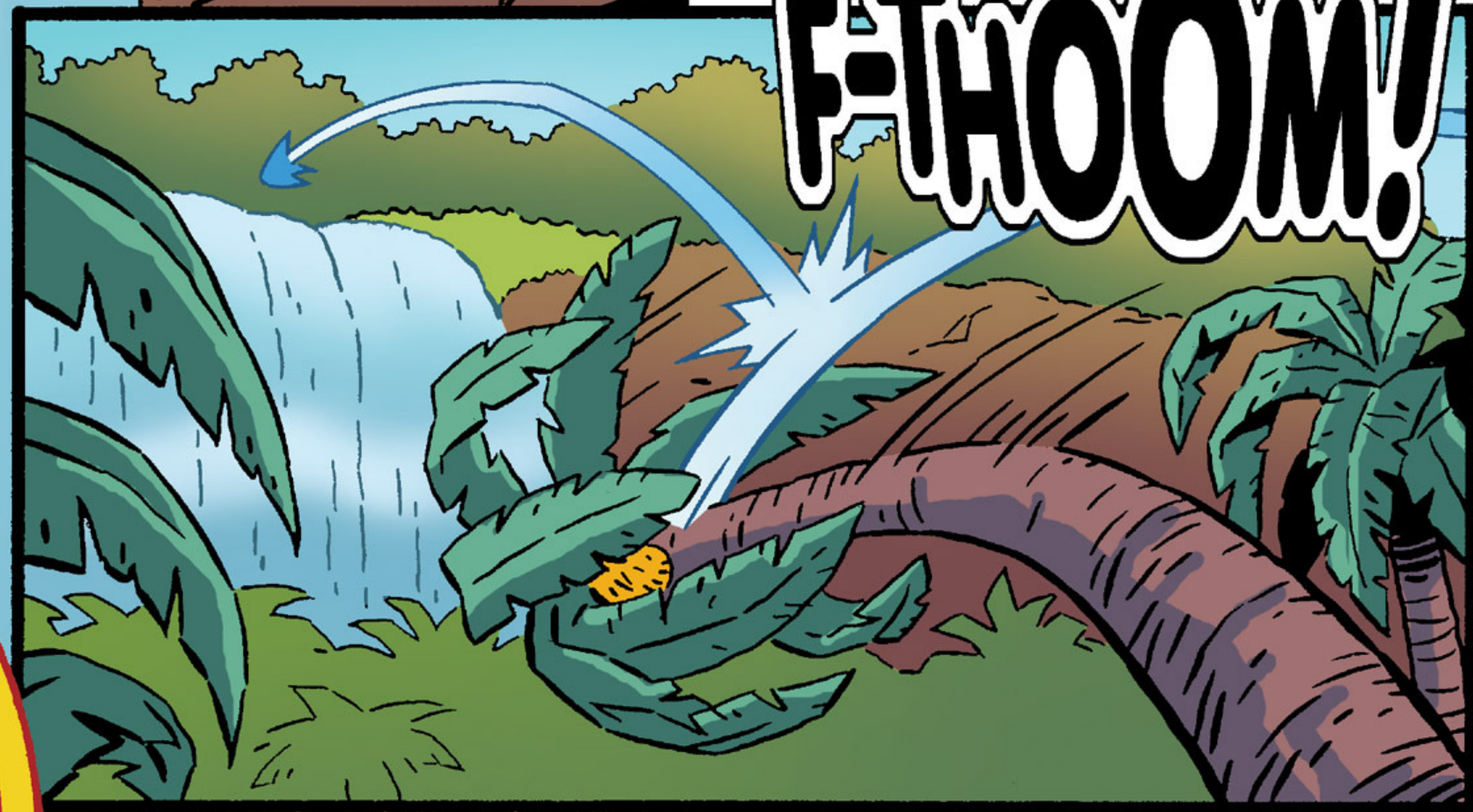
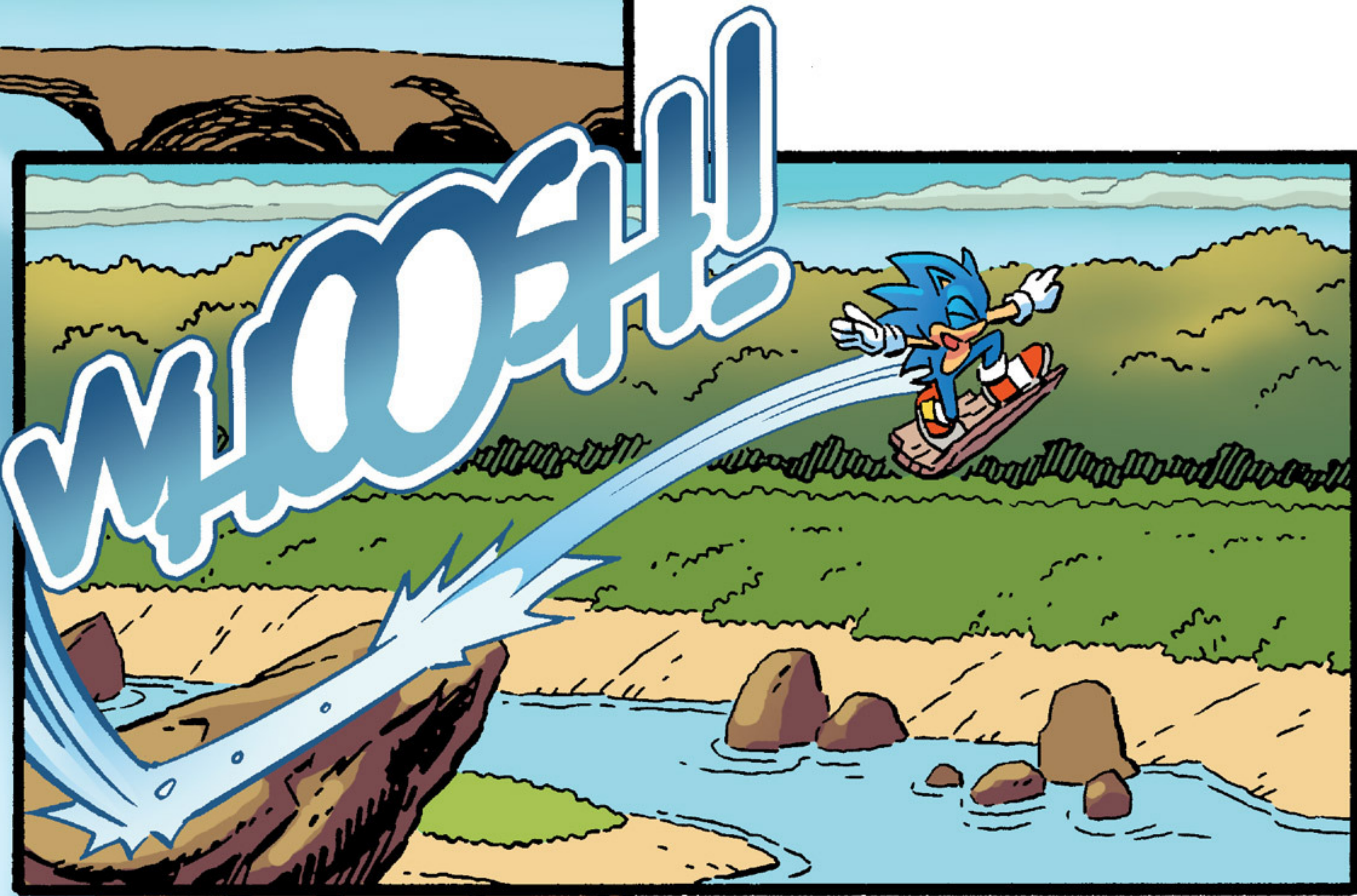
I'M SURE.

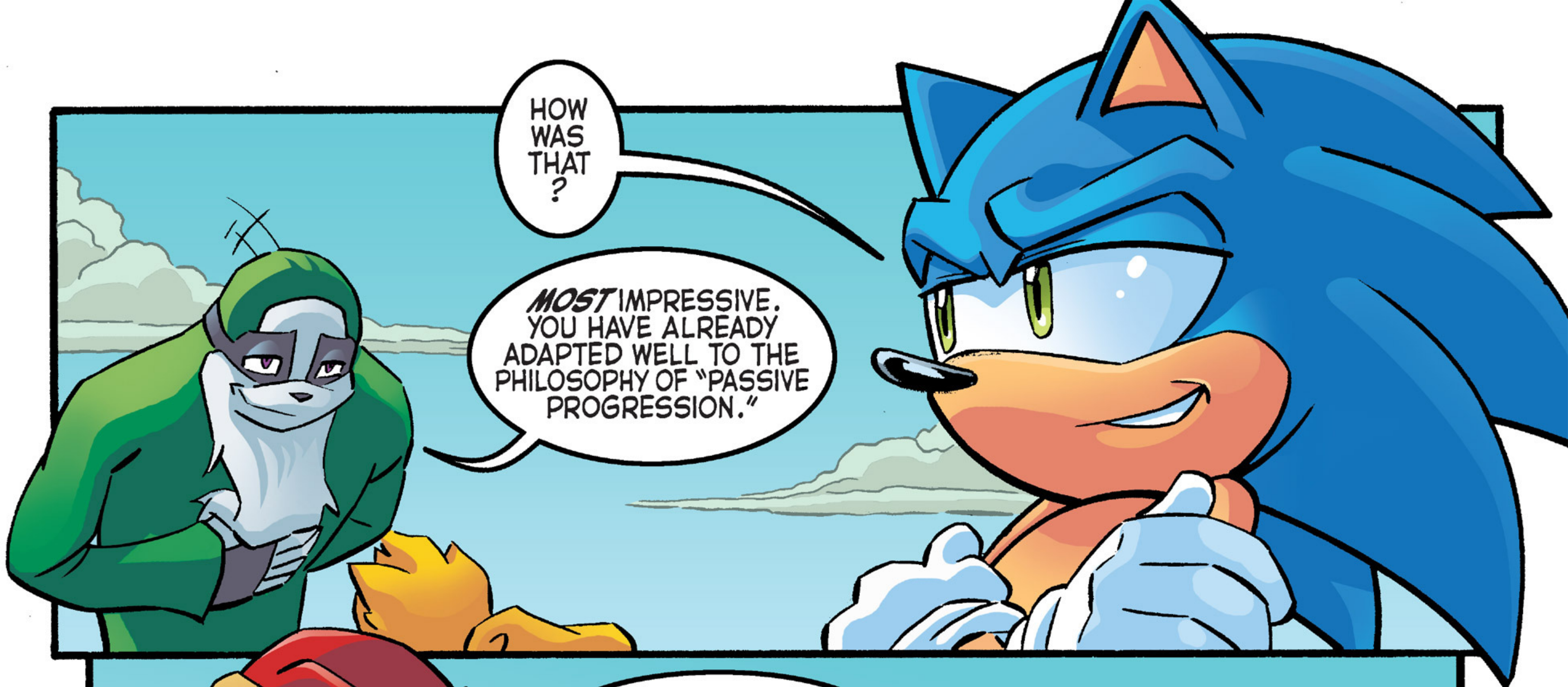
WHAT ABOUT CHEESE AND I? AND MR. BIG?

YOU THREE STAY UP WHERE IT'S SAFE. YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY...

"...BUT YOU NEED
MORE TRAINING
BEFORE I LET YOU
DO SOMETHING THIS
DANGEROUS."

ROCKY JUNGLE ZONE...





HOW WAS THAT?

MOST IMPRESSIVE. YOU HAVE ALREADY ADAPTED WELL TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF "PASSIVE PROGRESSION."



WOW! SONIC'S FAST AT EVERYTHING, HUH?

UH-HUH, AND SO *MODEST* ABOUT IT.



SORRY? WHAT WAS THAT? "I'M THE BEST AT EVERYTHING EVER"?

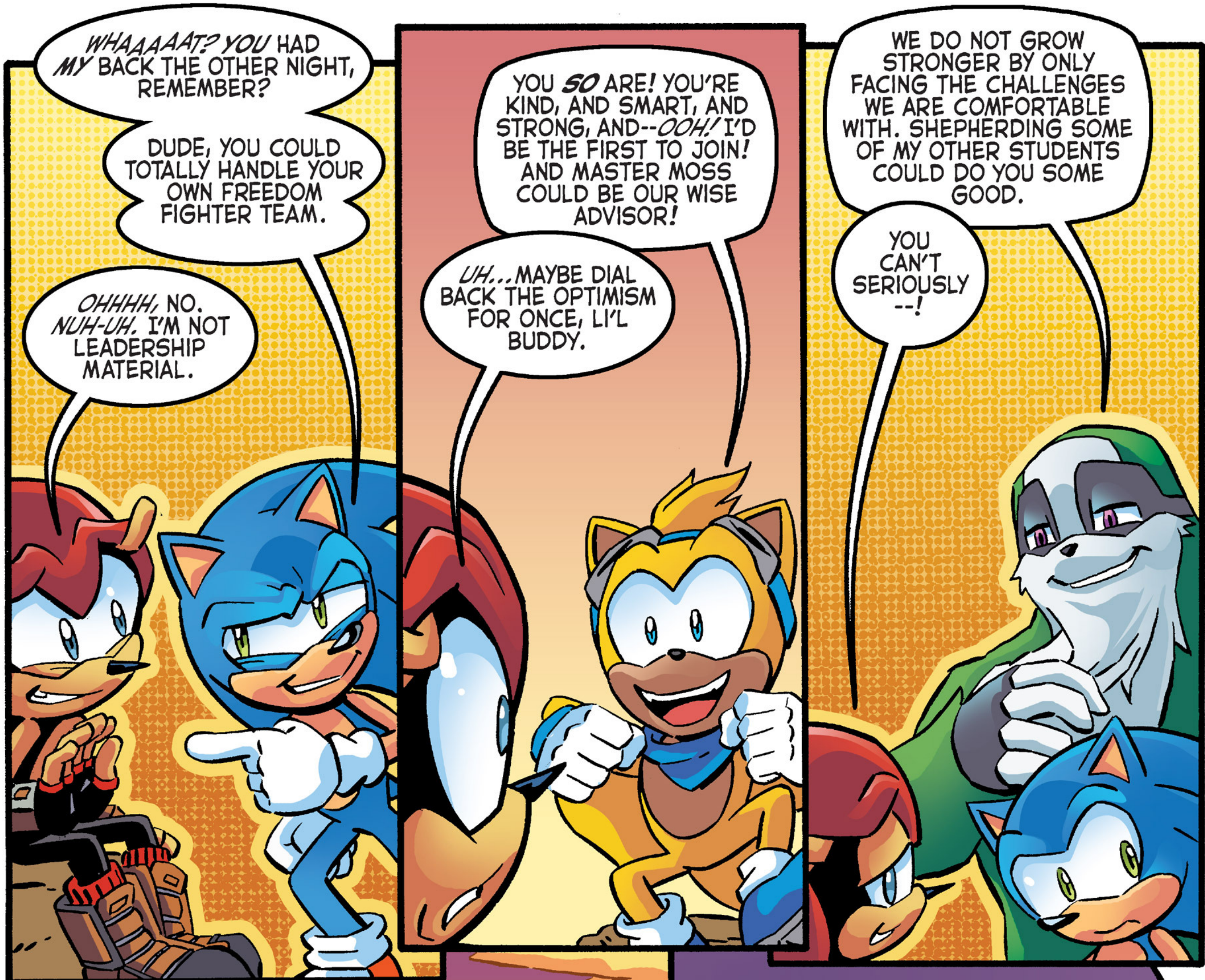
SAY AGAIN? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU OVER YOUR EGO!



SERIOUSLY, THO', I'M PROUD OF YOU, BIG BLUE. AND HUMBLLED.

YOU INSPIRED ME TO GET MY ACT TOGETHER BACK IN THE DAY, AND YOU'VE SHOWN ME I'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO NOW.

-RESPECT-



WHAAAAAT? YOU HAD MY BACK THE OTHER NIGHT, REMEMBER?

DUDE, YOU COULD TOTALLY HANDLE YOUR OWN FREEDOM FIGHTER TEAM.

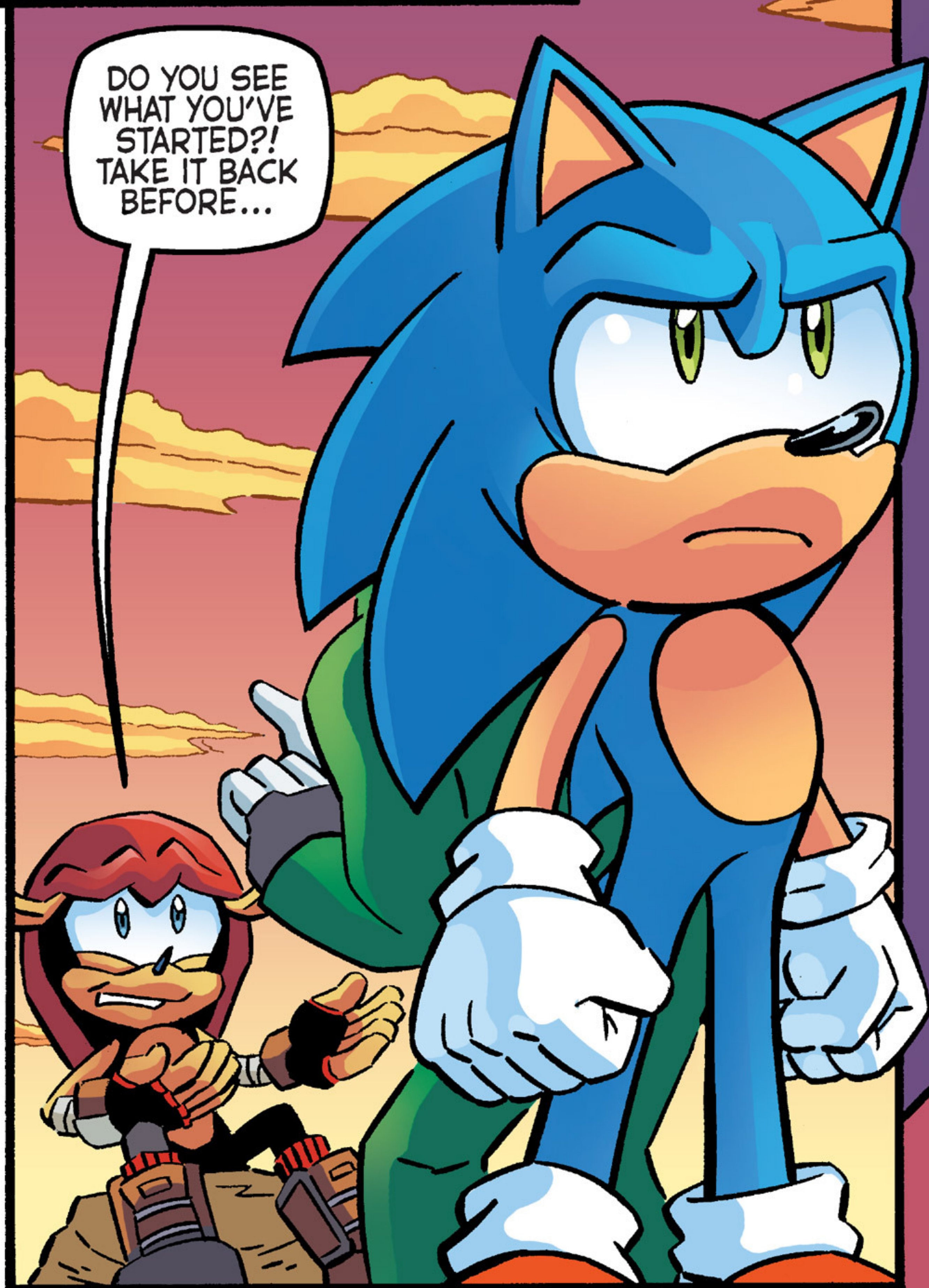
OHHHH, NO. NUH-UH. I'M NOT LEADERSHIP MATERIAL.

YOU *SO* ARE! YOU'RE KIND, AND SMART, AND STRONG, AND--OOH! I'D BE THE FIRST TO JOIN! AND MASTER MOSS COULD BE OUR WISE ADVISOR!

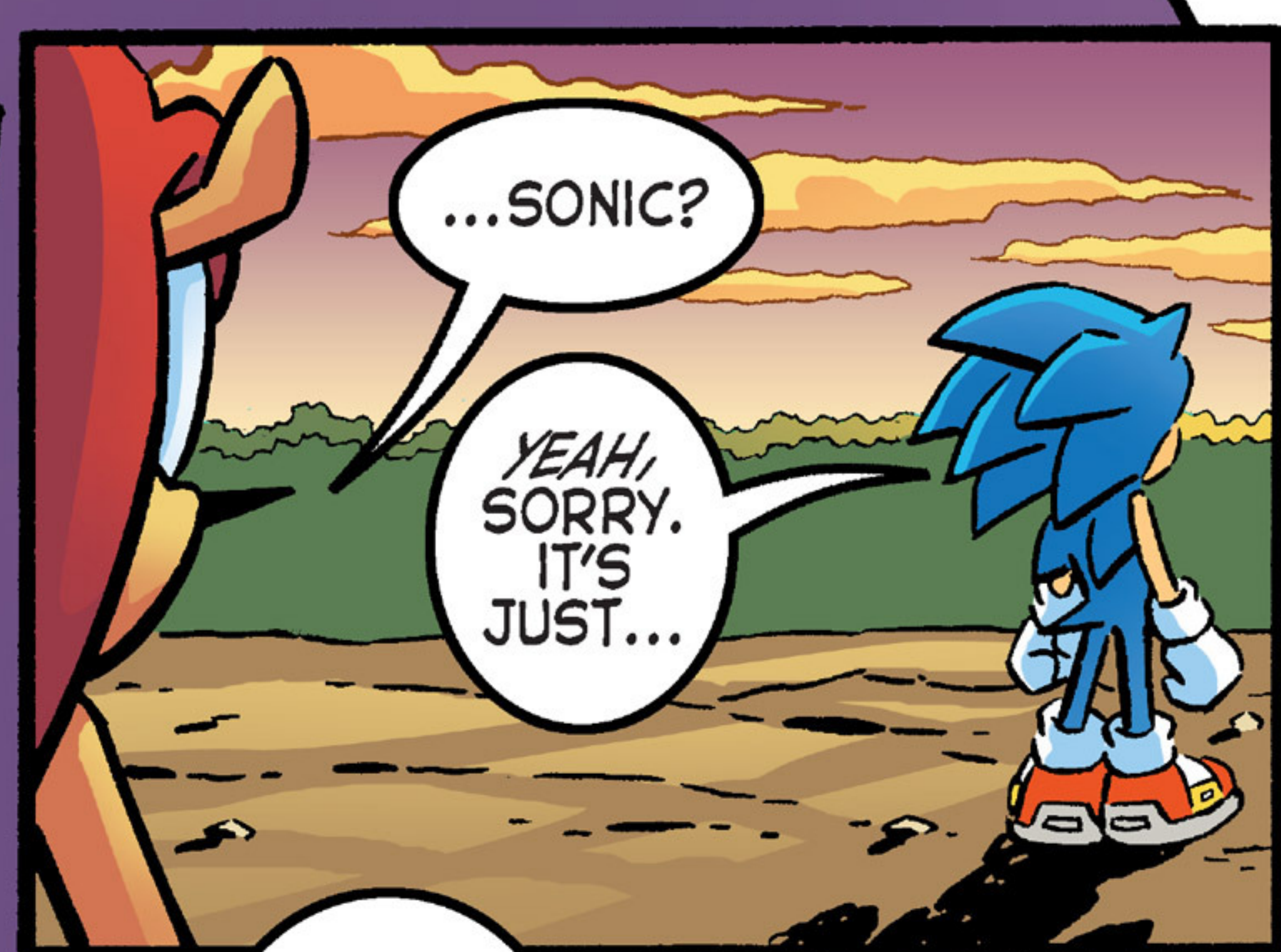
UH...MAYBE DIAL BACK THE OPTIMISM FOR ONCE, LI'L BUDDY.

WE DO NOT GROW STRONGER BY ONLY FACING THE CHALLENGES WE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. SHEPHERDING SOME OF MY OTHER STUDENTS COULD DO YOU SOME GOOD.

YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY --!



DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE STARTED?! TAKE IT BACK BEFORE...



...SONIC?

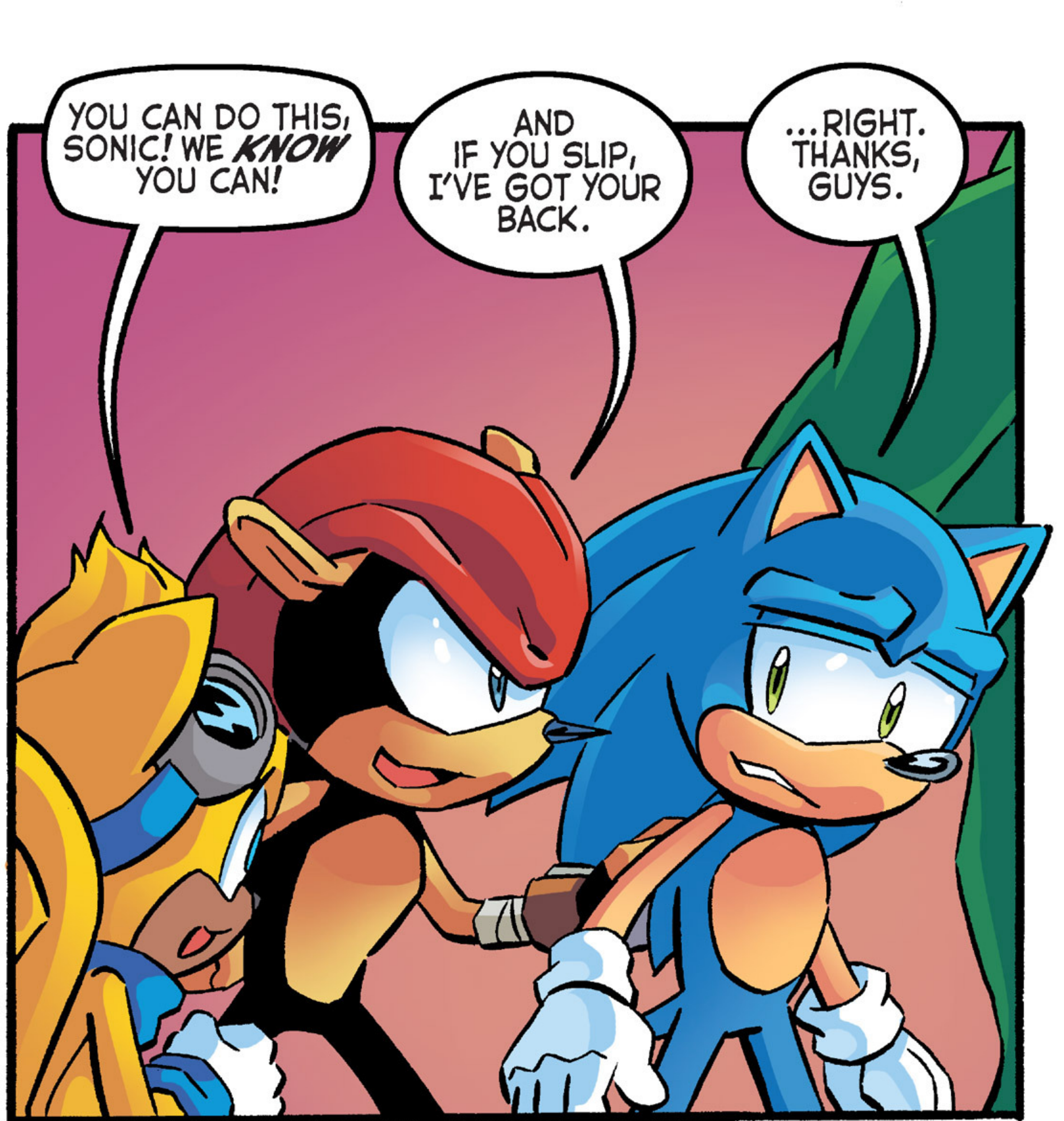
YEAH, SORRY. IT'S JUST...

...THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET.



BREATHE. THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TRAINING TOWARDS. FACE IT WITH THE SAME CONFIDENCE AS YOU DID THE JUNGLE AND THE WATERFALL.

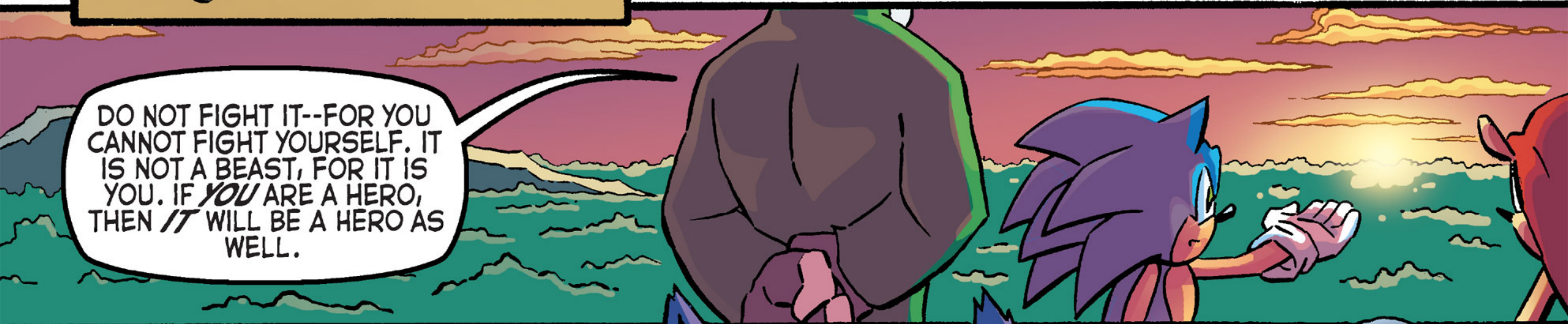
THOSE DIDN'T HAVE CLAWS AND TEETH, AND THEY WEREN'T COMING OUT OF *ME*.



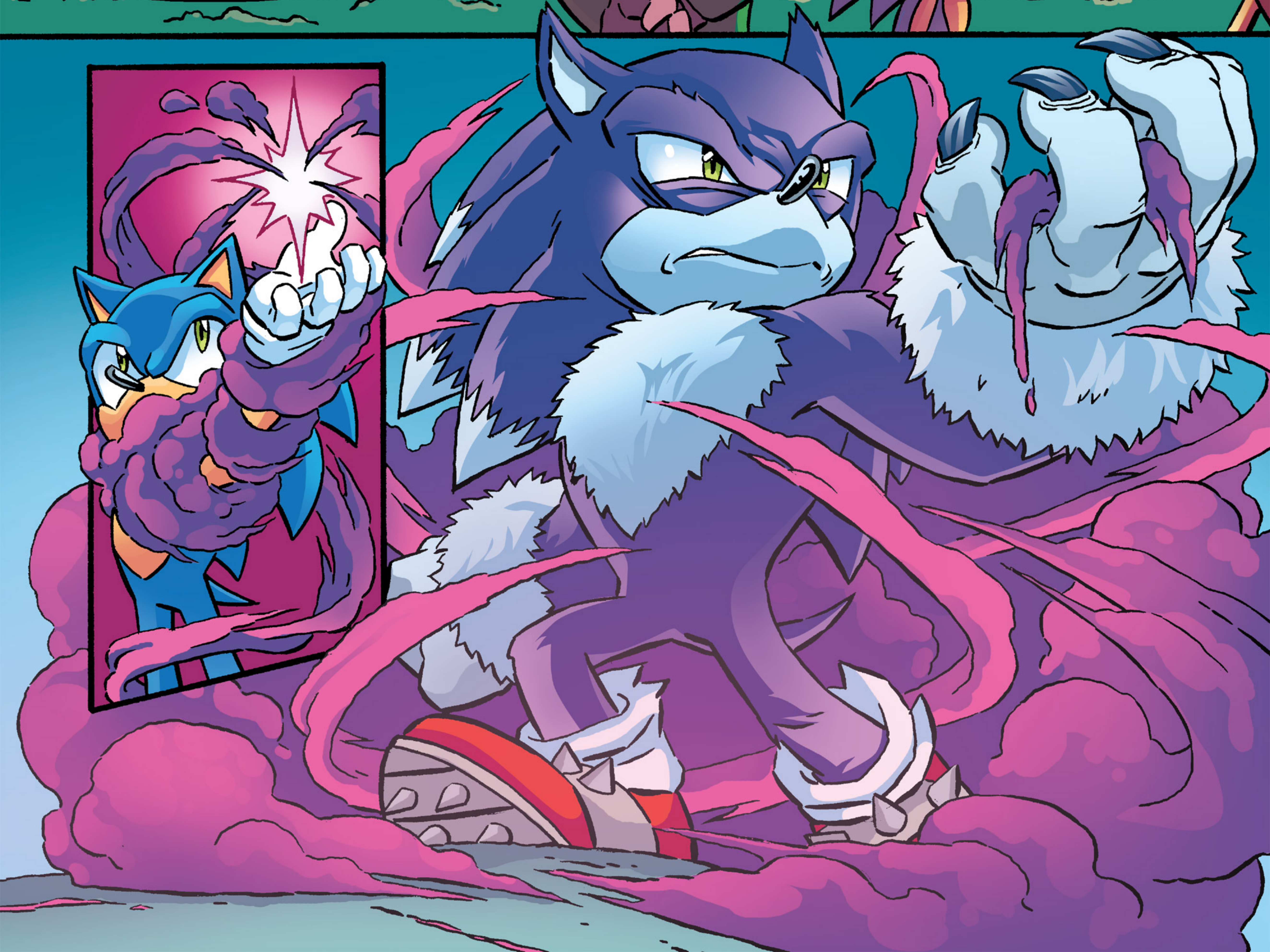
YOU CAN DO THIS, SONIC! WE *KNOW* YOU CAN!

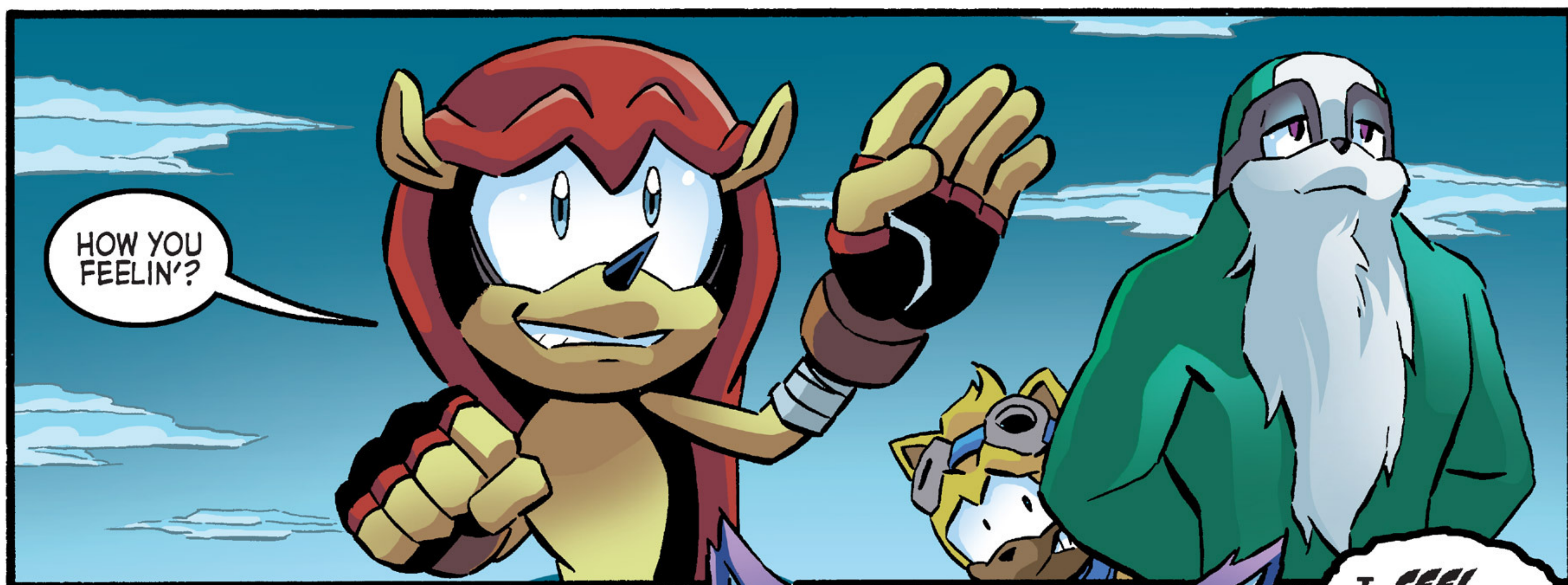
AND IF YOU SLIP, I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.

...RIGHT. THANKS, GUYS.



DO NOT FIGHT IT--FOR YOU CANNOT FIGHT YOURSELF. IT IS NOT A BEAST, FOR IT IS YOU. IF *YOU* ARE A HERO, THEN *IT* WILL BE A HERO AS WELL.



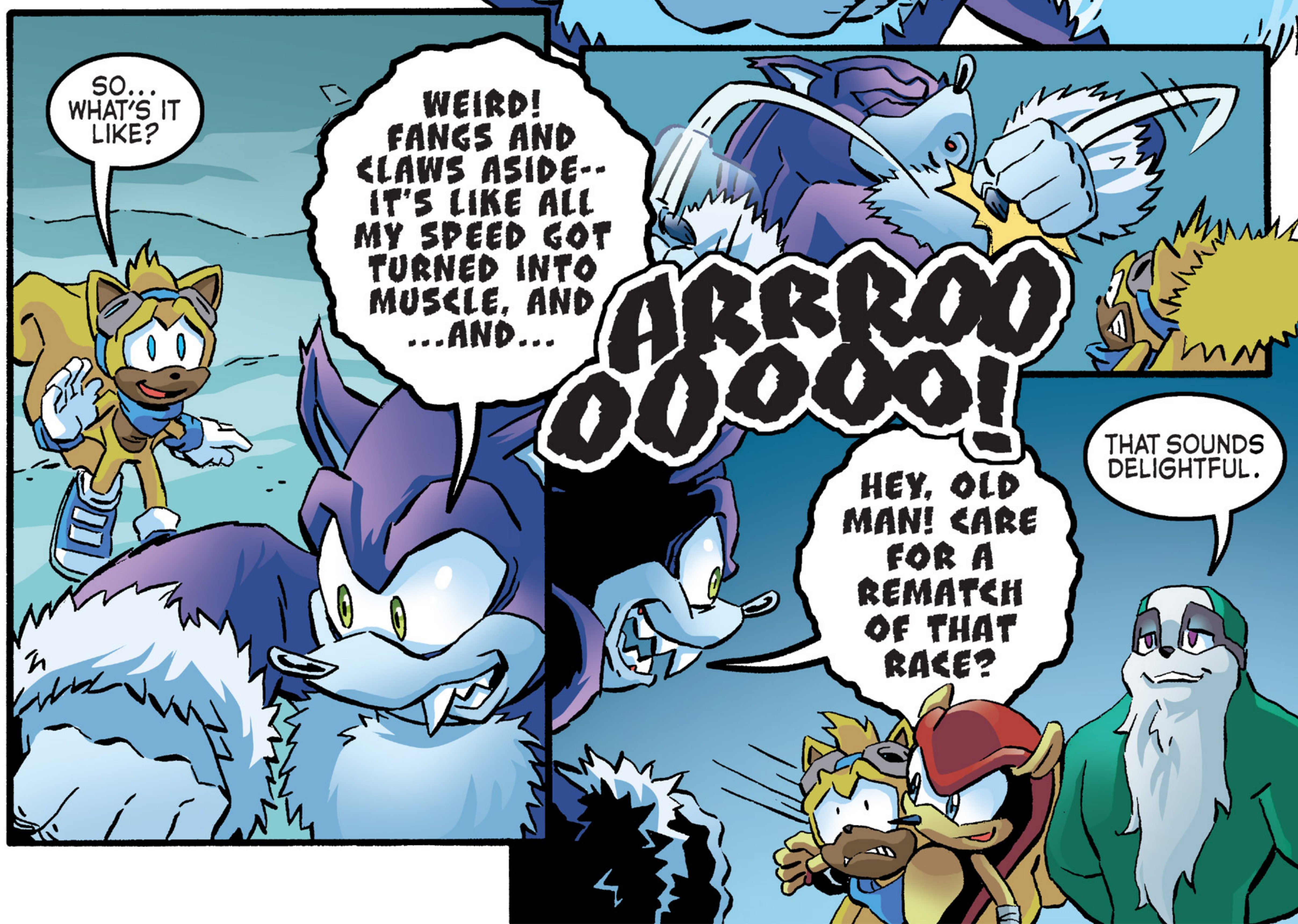


HOW YOU FEELIN'?

I *FEEL...* GOOD.



YOU CAN RELAX--I THINK I'VE GOT THIS.



SO... WHAT'S IT LIKE?

WEIRD! FANGS AND CLAWS ASIDE-- IT'S LIKE ALL MY SPEED GOT TURNED INTO MUSCLE, AND ...AND...

ARRROO OOOOOO!

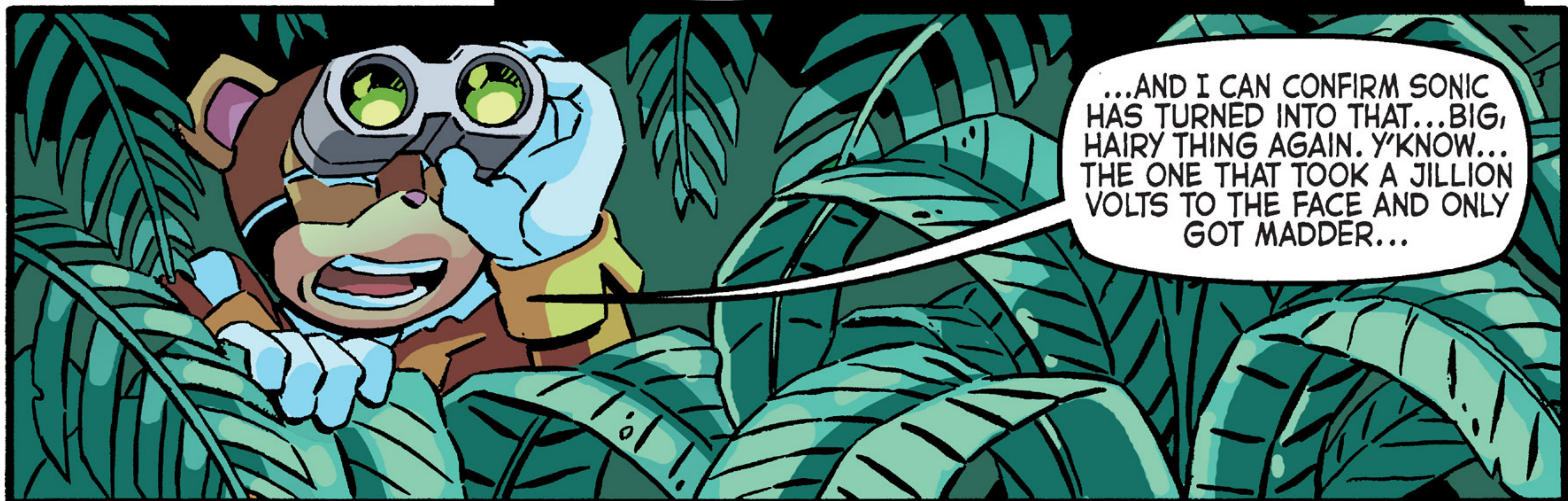
HEY, OLD MAN! CARE FOR A REMATCH OF THAT RACE?

THAT SOUNDS DELIGHTFUL.

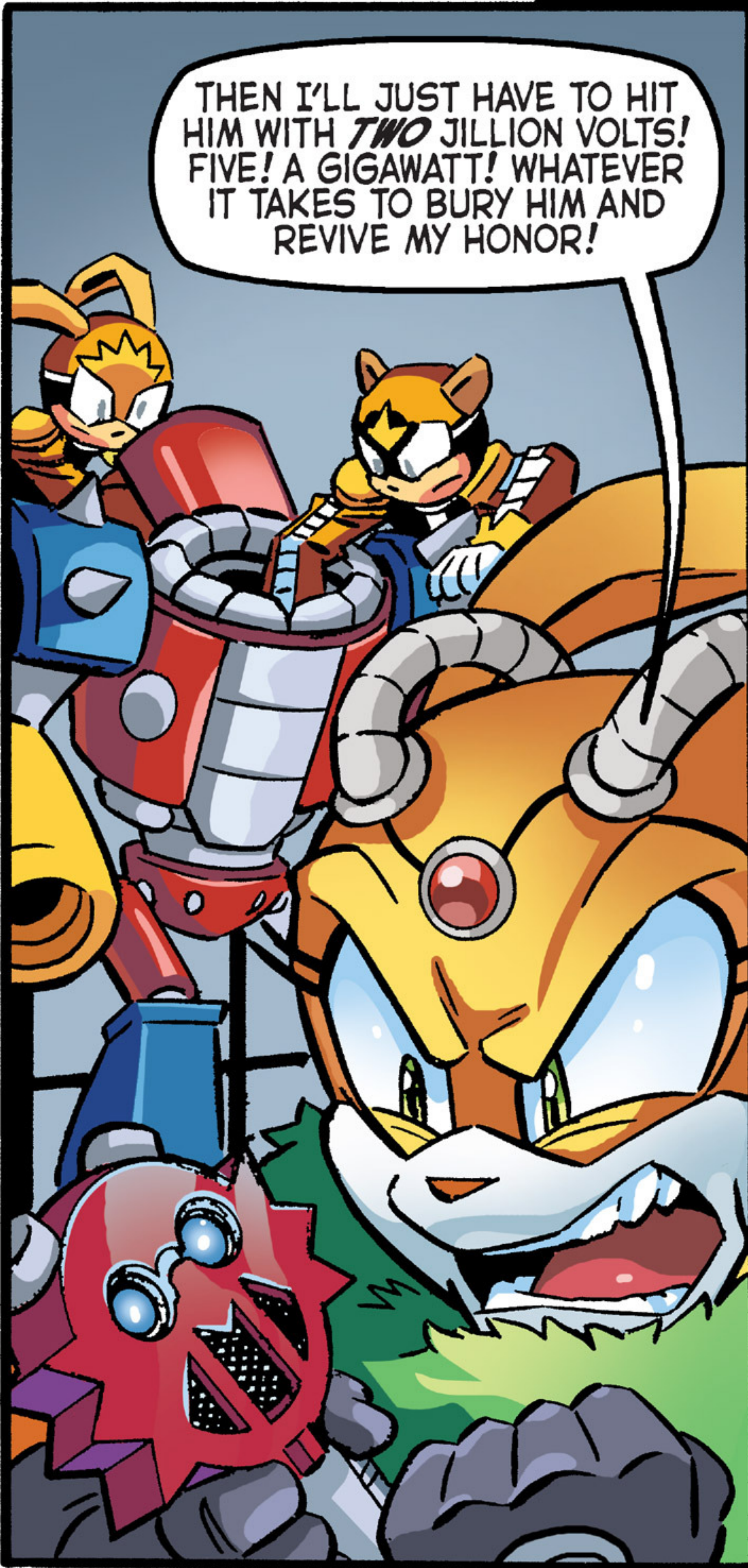
I'VE GOT
A VISUAL...



...AND I CAN CONFIRM SONIC
HAS TURNED INTO THAT...BIG,
HAIRY THING AGAIN. Y'KNOW...
THE ONE THAT TOOK A JILLION
VOLTS TO THE FACE AND ONLY
GOT MADDER...



THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO HIT
HIM WITH *TWO* JILLION VOLTS!
FIVE! A GIGAWATT! WHATEVER
IT TAKES TO BURY HIM AND
REVIVE MY HONOR!



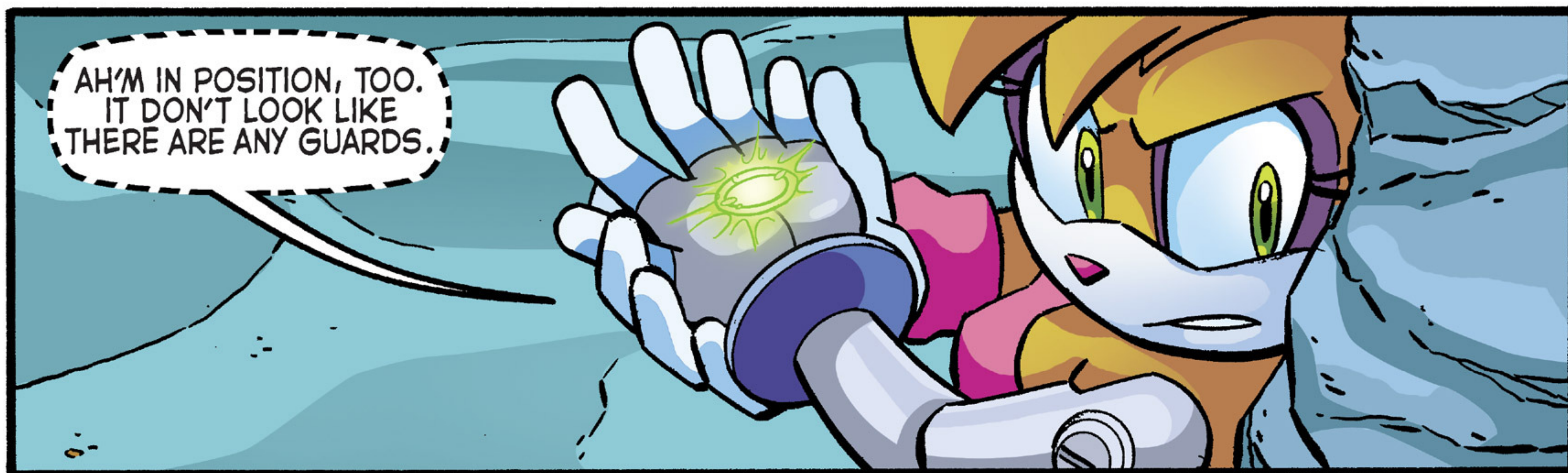
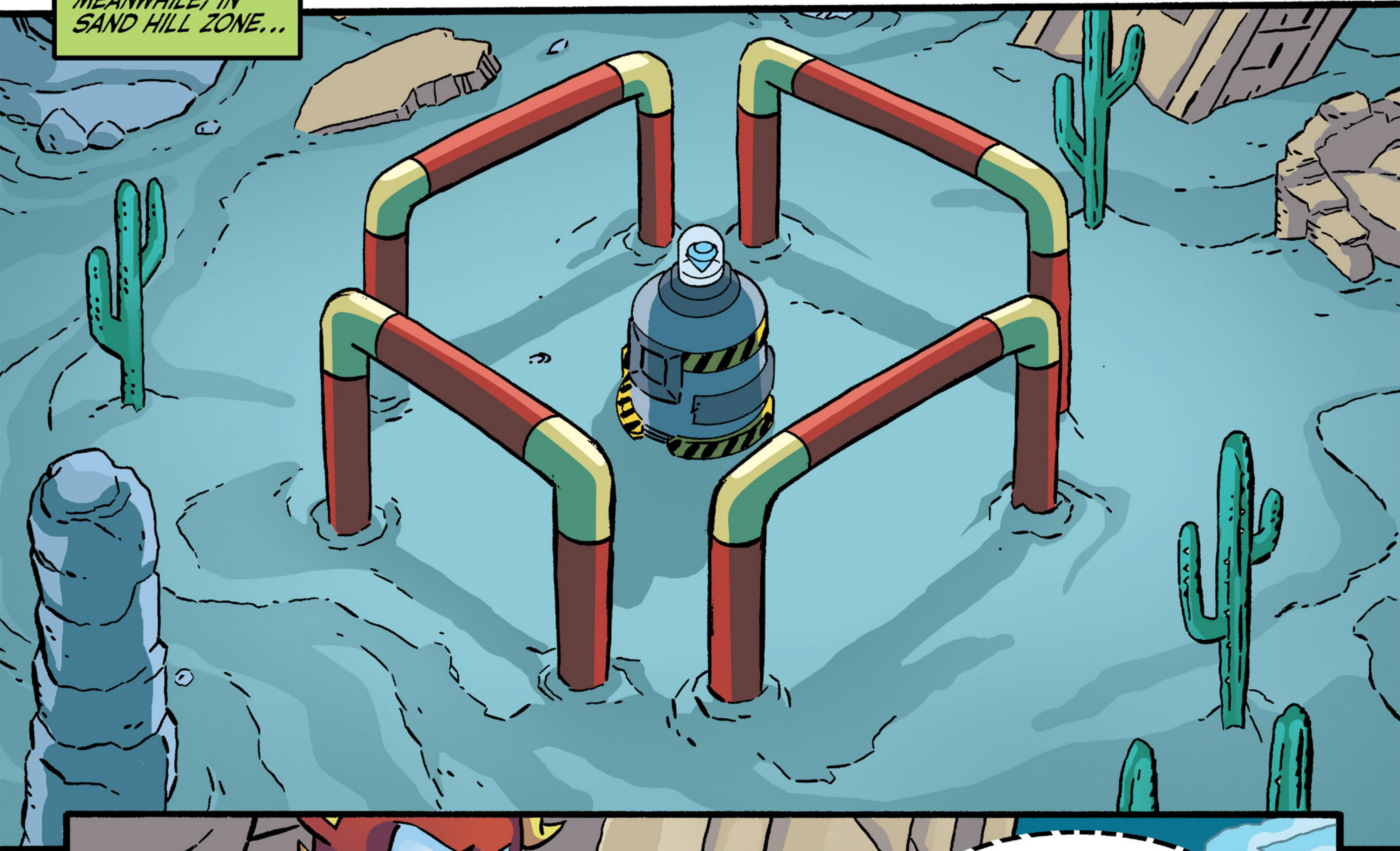
I MAY HAVE LOST
MY CHANCE AT
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FIGHTERS...

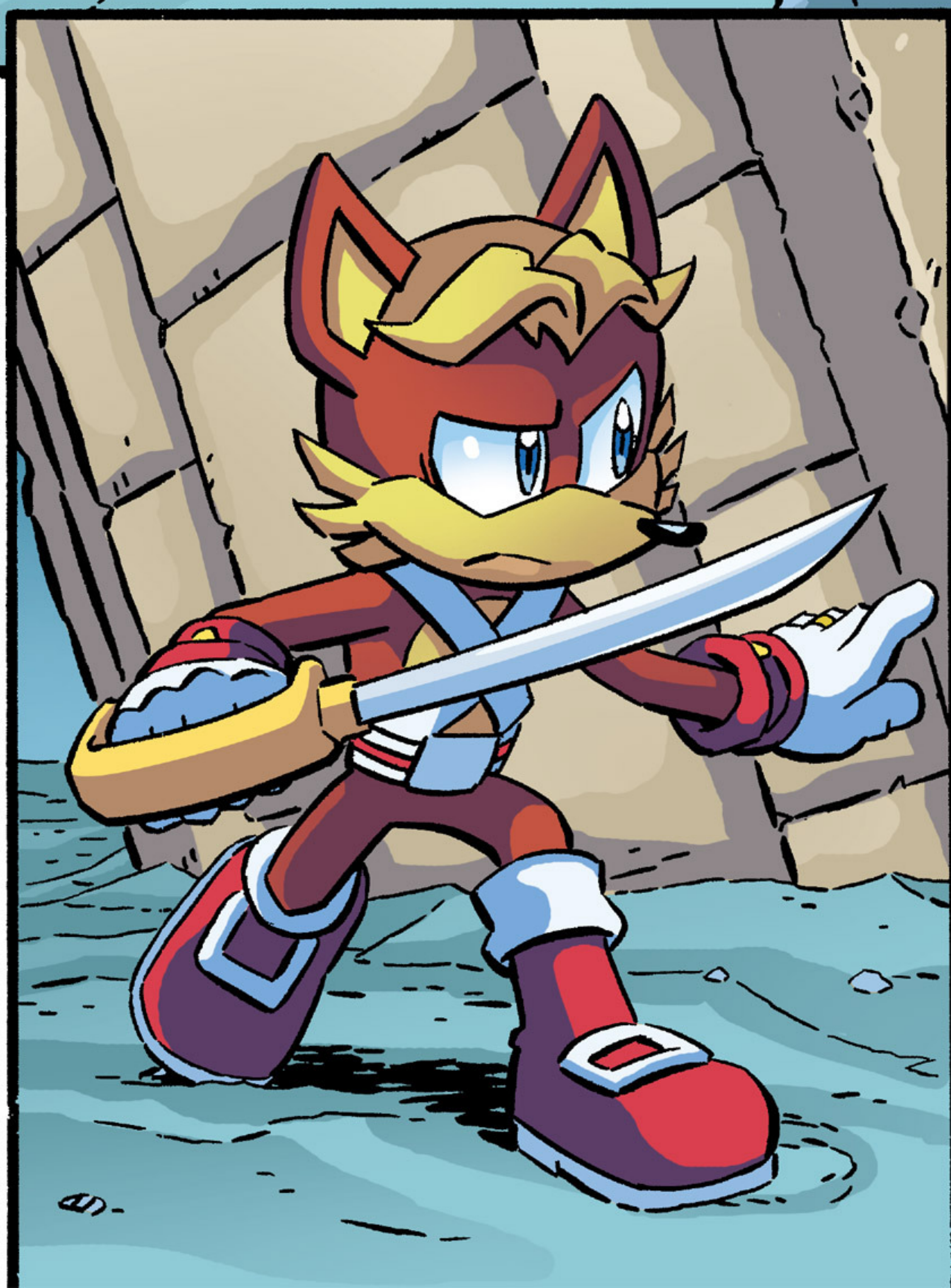
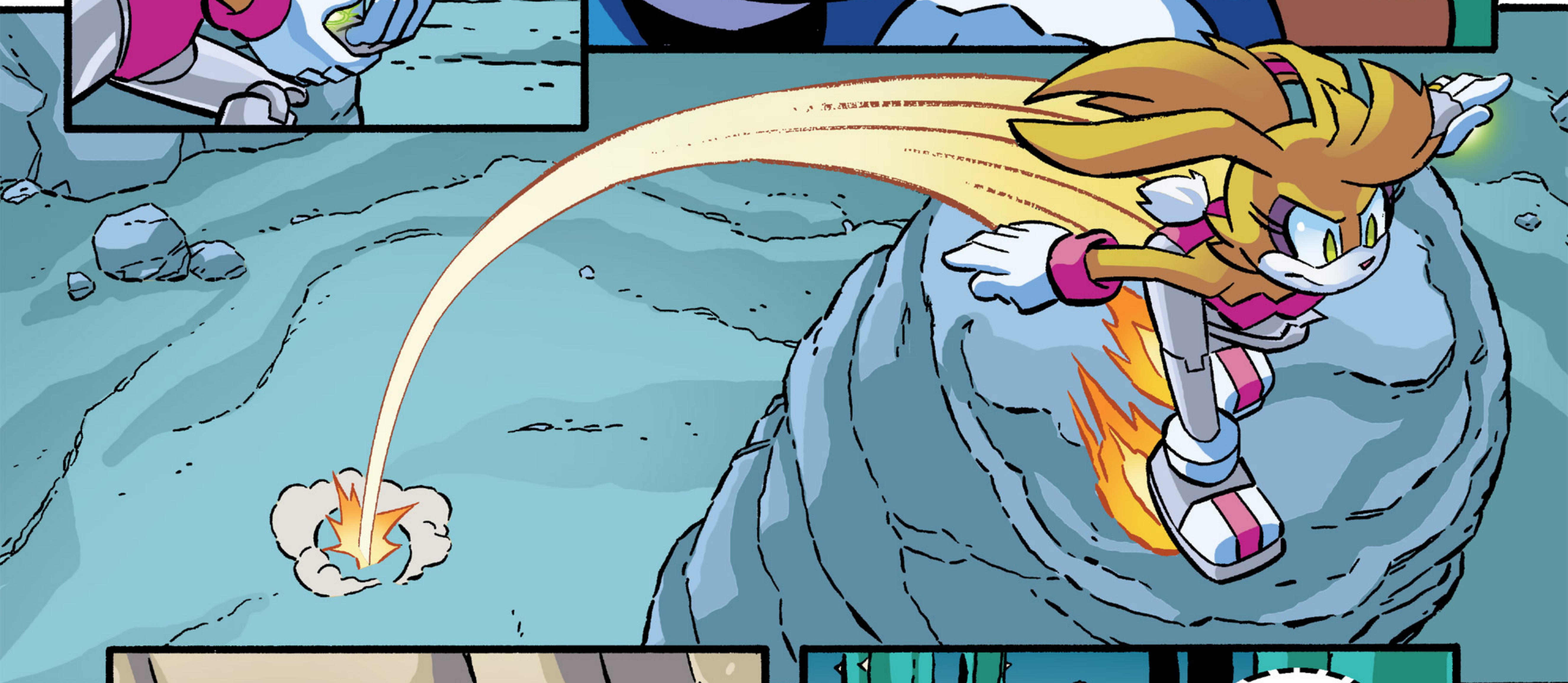
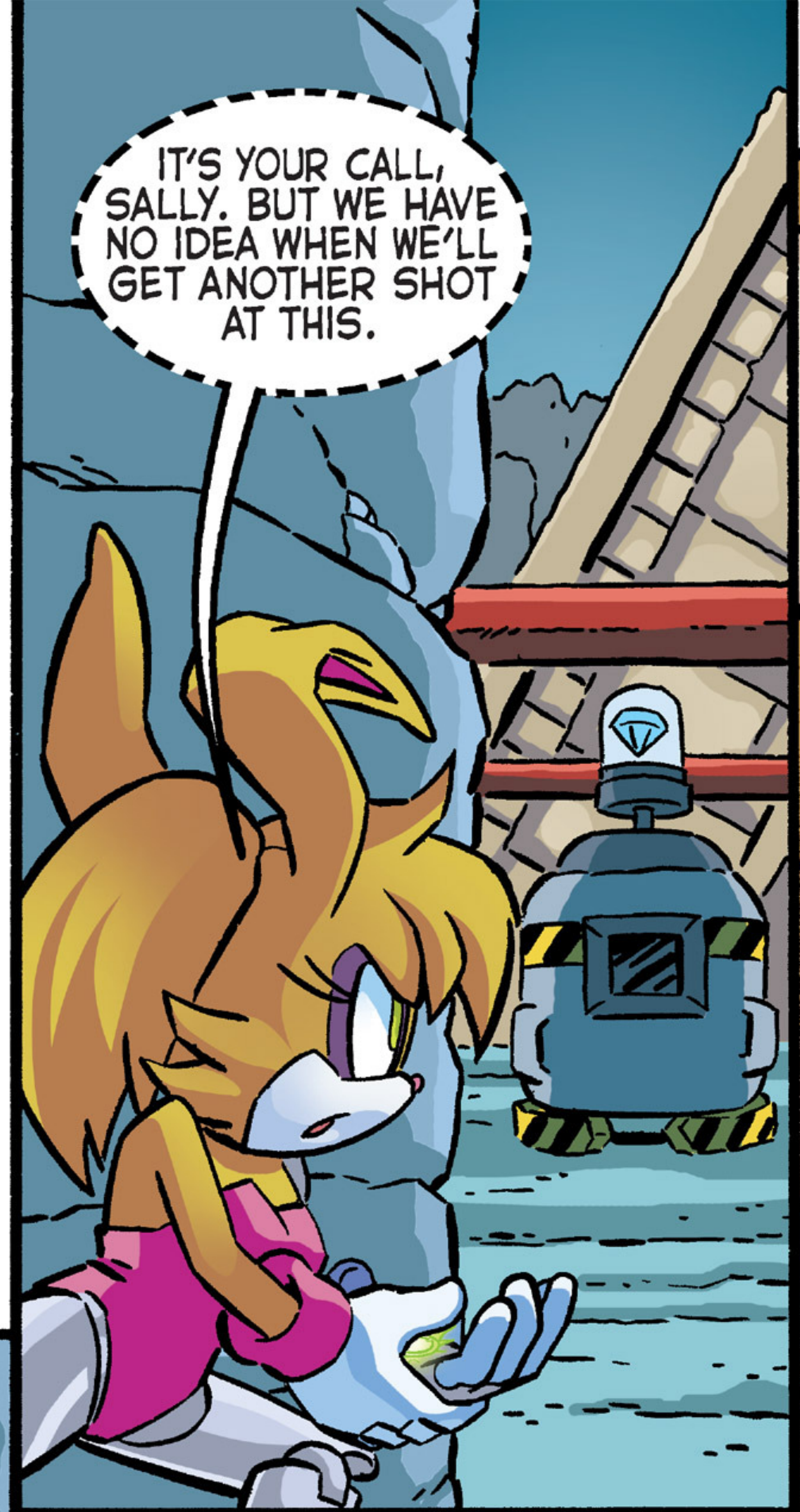


...BUT I STILL
HAVE SOMETHING
TO THROW AT
SONIC!



MEANWHILE, IN
SAND HILL ZONE...







AH ONLY SEE YOU TWO AND LOTS O' SAND.



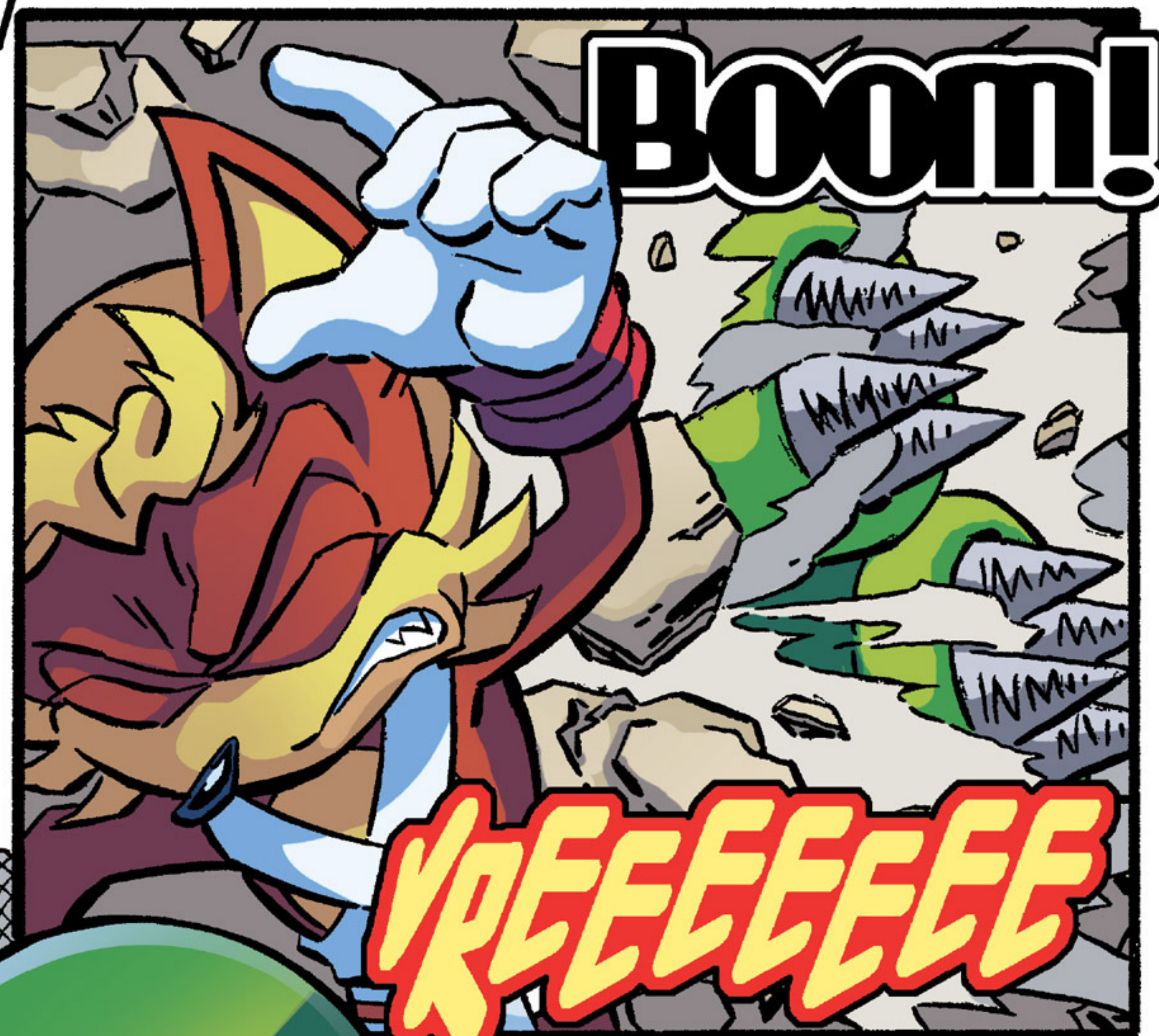
SHRIEEEEEEEEEEK

OH, MAH STARS---

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CALL SIGN:
IOTA



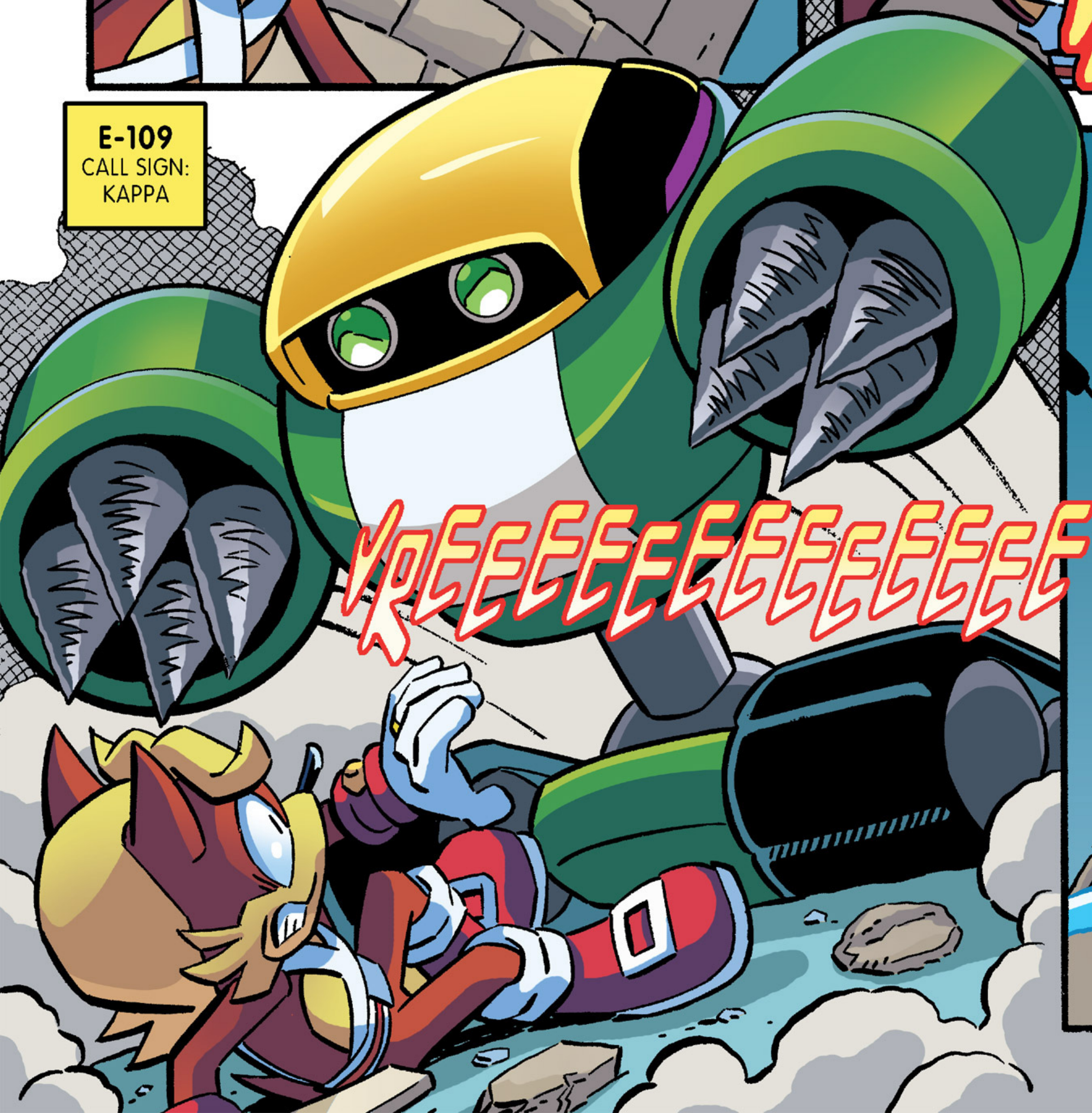
BUNNIE!



BOOM!

VREEEEEEEE

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CALL SIGN:
KAPPA



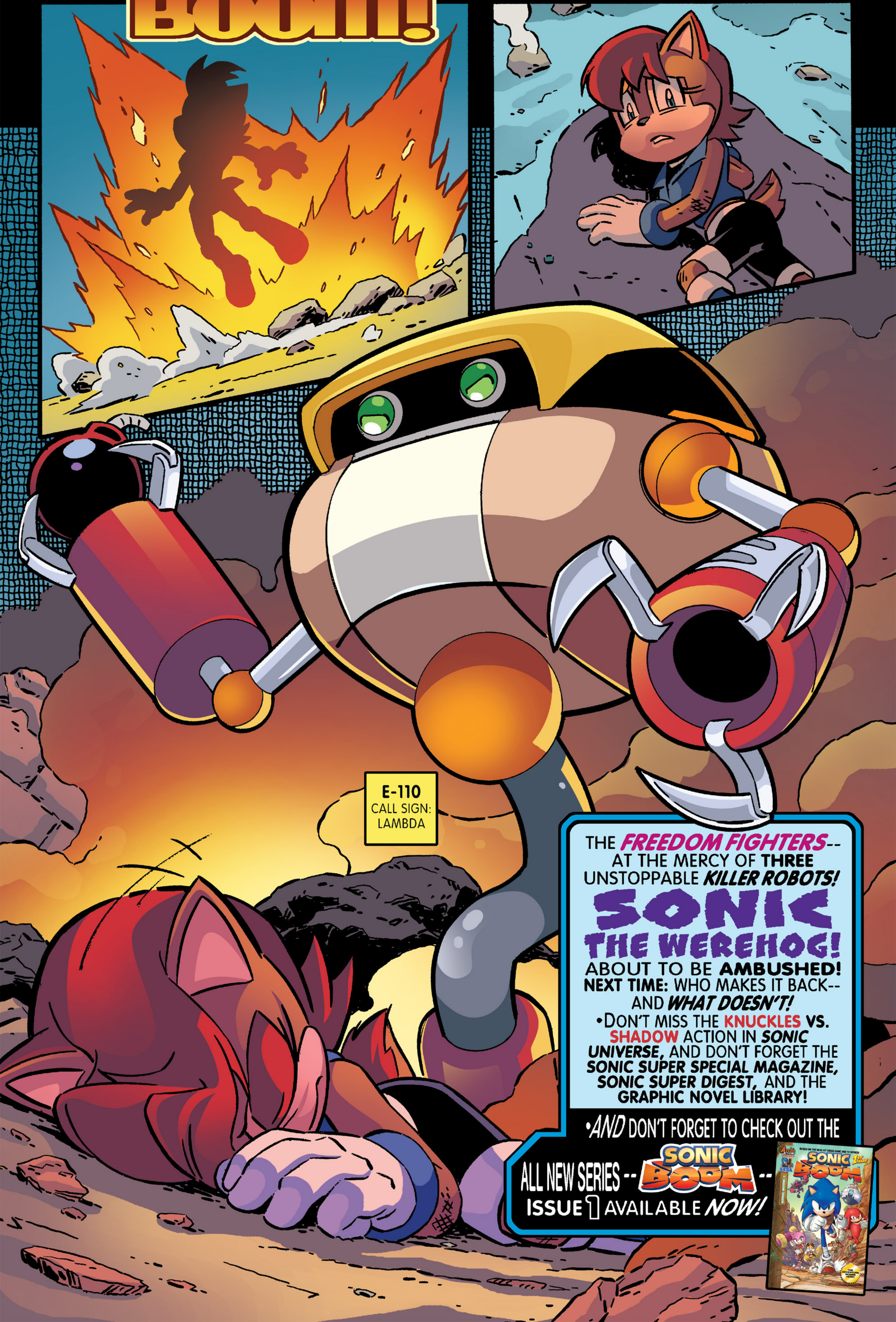
VREEEEEEEE



IT *WAS* ANOTHER TRAP! AND I LED US STRAIGHT INTO IT--

FALL BACK TO THE SKY PATROL! WE CAN'T--!

BOOM!



E-110
CALL SIGN:
LAMBDA

THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**--
AT THE MERCY OF THREE
UNSTOPPABLE **KILLER ROBOTS!**

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